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City trembles at Labour advance

Major switches aim as polls boost Lib Dems

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JOHN BELL

JOHN Major switched his attack to the Liberal Democrats yesterday as campaign tactics shifted with an increased chance of a Labour win in next Thursday's election.

The change of target came as the City trembled at polls showing a clear Labour lead and increased backing for Paddy Ashdown, and wiped more than £11 billion off the value of shares.

The dramatic change of tactics was forced on Mr Major by the polls on Tuesday that showed Tory support dipping dangerously to the 35 per cent level, mainly to the benefit of the Liberal Democrats. With Labour holding steady above 40 per cent Mr Major's campaign team concluded speedily overnight that the seepage had to be halted before it was

lup poll showed the Tories with a 0.5 per cent lead over Labour, and an NOP poll gave Labour a 2 per cent lead. Both surveys showed a strong swing to the Liberal Demo-

INSIDE Spencer funeral

The eighth Earl Spencer was buried at the parish church of St Mary the Virgin in Great Brington, Northants. The Princess of Wales attached a card to a bouquet with the message "I miss you dreadfully darforever - Diana". The congregation included many estate workers......Page 20

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crats. The Gallup survey in The Daily Telegraph con-firmed the recent jump in Liberal Democrat backing. They went up by four points to 20.5 per cent but appeared to have gained more at the expense of Labour than the

The poll put the Conserva-tives on 38 per cent, Labour 37.5 per cent and the Liberal Democrats 20.5 per cent in a survey involving 1,095 voters interviewed on Tuesday and yesterday. The NOP poll put Labour at 39 per cent, Tories at 37 and Liberal Democrats

at 19.
With all three party leaders in action last night Mr Major urged voters not to let the Liberal Democrats be the "Trojan horse" to a Labour Britain. He bracketed the Liberal Democrats with Labour as a high taxation party that would destroy Britain's prospects of recovery.

A confident Neil Kinnock

told a crowd of 10,000 at a presidential-style rally in Sheffield that Britain was only days away from a Labgovern as we have campaigned - strongly, positively, looking to the future," he said. "The contrast with the Tories could not be more sharp. They are a spent force. They have no vitality and they

are rapidly losing their integrity."
Mr Ashdown last night denied that a Liberal Democrat vote was a backdoor vote for Labour or the Tories while Mr Kinnock told people that the only way to get a change of government was to vote

Labour. "Your vote is not a protest vote." Mr Ashdown told a Cheltenham rally. "A vote for the Liberal Democrats is a principled positive vote which is why we are gaining ground as each day goes by. Your vote is not a backdoor vote for Labour, or for the Tories. A vote for the Liberal Democrats in Cheltenham, in Hereford and in dozens of other

constituencies up and down the country is a winning vote for the Liberal Democrats." Mr Ashdown said: "The polls tell us that the Liberal Democrats have continued their rise in popularity. This morning Mr Major began his attack. No doubt the prime minister expects us to respond in kind. He may expect it, but I won't do it." As the prospect of a Labour win shook the City, with the FTSE index opening 56 points down before recovering later in the day and sterling losing half a pfennig against the mark, Mr Major

delivered an impassioned appeal to defectors to return to the fold. There was no soft option, he said. Admitting for the first time the possibility of a Labour win he said: "Unless people vote directly for the Conservative candidate they will end up with a Labour government, whether they vote Labour or Liberal. That is the choice."

City analysts expected fur-ther sharp falls in share prices if Labour's commanding lead in the opinion polls is maintained in the last days before the election. More than £11 billion was removed from the traded in London as the market opened lower with investors forced to take seriously the prospect of a Labour government Prominent among the losers were shares in the water industry, which Labour has said that it wishes to bring back under state con-trol. Other shares likely to be affected by Labour policies were also weak, including BT, the electricity generating and distribution companies and shares privatised under the

Against the background of continued sniping from senior Tories at the party's campaign strategy, Mr Major began his fightback at yester-day's daily against confirmed day's daily news conference and pressed home the mess-age with increasing intensity through the day.

At a West Country rally Mr Major said there was no other choice but a Tory or Labour government. "If you vote Conservative you will get a Conservative government. If you vote Labour you will get a Labour government. If you vote Liberal you will get a Labour government. That is a message that every elector must understand.

Mr Major said: "Beware Mr Ashdown. Don't look at the man: look through the door. The most famous door in the world is No 10 Downing Street. Don't let Mr Ashdown open it for Mr Kinnock."

Throughout the day Tory strategists had voiced doubts about Tuesday's polls which they said did not match the reports coming back from the

Criticism of the Tory cam-paign continued. Nicholas Winterton, who is defending Macclesfield, said it had to be moved into a higher gear. The public wondered why the more aggressive campaigners had not been in evidence during the campaign.



Libya has to reveal IRA links, **UK** says

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN is demanding information about Libya's support for the IRA as a condition for lifting United Nations sanctions against the

country.
Sir David Hannay, Britain's ambassador at the United Nations, told non-aligned
members of the UN Security Council that Libya must provide details about its arms shipments to the IRA and its training of IRA members.

Britain is particularly eager to establish whether Libya has sent anti-aircraft missiles to the IRA. Sir David said the information was required by the security council resolution adopted on Tuesday, which imposes an embargo on civilian air links and arms sales to Libya on April 15.

The resolution says the sanctions can be lifted only when Libya has handed over the two suspects wanted in Britain and the United States for the bombing of PanAm flight 103 over Lockerbie. But the resolution also requires Libya to take "concrete actions" to demonstrate its renunciation of terrorism before the sanctions can be

The ambassadors of Britain, France and the United States met non-aligned security council members after the resolution's passage to spell out what they believe is required by that provision.

Bush seeks £7bn in aid for former Soviet Union

PRESIDENT Bush yesterprop up democracy in the struggling republics of the former Soviet Union at what he called a "defining moment

Mr Bush asked Congress to approve a \$12 billion (£7 billion) US commitment to the International Monetary Fund so that it had the resources to give the republics loans, up to \$3 billion towards an international rouble-stabilisation fund, and the reneal of scores of Cold

War trade restrictions. He demanded funding for a "major people-to-people" programme that would send hundreds of Russian businessmen to America and US volunteers to the republics. and announced another \$1.1 billion in credit guarantees for buying American grain. Funds already approved would be diverted to ensuring the safety of ageing nuclear plants. The American package would in part support a new \$24 billion programme the perception that he cares G7 industrialised nations announced by Germany yesterday, and could be completed by late next month. The US contribution would be be-tween 20 and 25 per cent.

Acknowledging the unpopularity of foreign aid in the midst of a recession and elec-tion year, Mr Bush appealed for national and bipartisan support. The stakes were "as high as any we have faced this century". Defeat of the democratic revolution in the for-mer Soviet Union "could plunge us into a world more dangerous ... than the dark years of the Cold War", he said, warning that the costs of

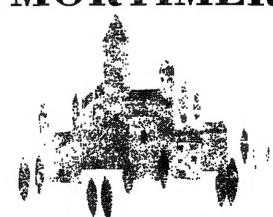
that would be "exorbitant". Congressional leaders emerged non-committal from a White House briefing but warned that Mr Bush would face a tough job selling the package on Capitol Hill. Mr Bush has for three months shunned foreign policy as he

Lord Havers dies

LORD HAVERS, the former Attorney-General and Lord Chancellor, died at St Bartholomew's hospital in London yesterday after being taken ill in his office. He was

The son and brother of High Court judges, Lord Havers became Attorney-Genermoved to the Woolsack in 1987, but was there for only 134 days before retiring through ill health.

His actor son, Nigel, described him last night as "the most perfect father and grandfather anyone could ever wish for. He was my best vers became Attorney-Gener-al when the Conservatives friend and strongest ally. My mother and entire family will Gadaffi threat, page 15 came to power in 1979 and miss him tremendously.





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Read my lips: Neil Kinnock looking confidently to the future at a presidential style rally in Sheffield yesterday

JOHN MORTIMER

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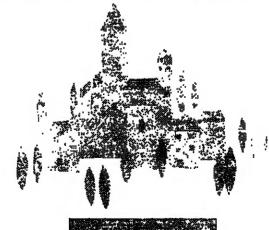
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Corporate citizens keep faith with charities

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BRITISH businesses may be feeling the chill winds of recession but they have not cut back on charitable donations, according to a survey out yesterday. Britain's largest corporate donors increased their charitable giving by 1 per cent in real terms last year, representing a

doubling of donations relative to profits.

The survey, in the magazine Corporate Citizen, says 14 of the top 100 companies increased their donations by over 100 per cent and 30 companies gave over £1 million between July 1990 and June last year. The largest donor to charity was Heavy laterness. largest donor to charity was Heron International, Gerald Ronson's group, which last week revealed it had called an emergency meeting with bankers to seek more time to

repay its £1.2 billion debts.
Heron gave £4.8 million, jumping from tenth place to first place in the league table. It was followed by British Telecom, which gave £4.77 million, and British Petroleum, which donated [4.6 million. Many companies give on a covenanted basis for which they receive tax relief and so their commitments are likely to hold while the recession continues, but there are fears that they may drop dramatically if profits come under pressure.

Corporate Citizen quotes Morton Creeger of Heron as saying: "You can't give what you haven't got. In your ranking you are looking at the peak position from the 1980s and sadly it doesn't reflect the reality of the 90s. Heron's unusual corporate structure with the three Ronson Foundations as major shareholders and beneficiaries, means our commitment can still be substantial and we will continue with our ongoing commitments but it can't be added to at the same rate over the

next couple of years."

Donations from the top 100 companies were 1 per cent of profits in 1989/90. In 1990-1 this had doubled to 2 per cent. It is the first time in over a decade that the increase has been so significant, according to David Casson, the editor of the Major Companies Guide. Including the contribution from Heron, the rise in donations was 8 per Continued on page 20. col 8 TOP 25 CORPORATE GIVERS

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23	(45)	British Aerospace	1.37	
24	(24)	J Sainsbury	1.30	
25	(35)	SmithKline Beecham	1.19	

Researchers seek test to lift concrete curse from house sales



Reseigh: left with a debt and a crumbling home

LENDERS and environment Services, in St Austell, Corndepartment officials will meet on Monday to try to resolve a problem blighting the property market in southwest

About 4,000 houses in Cornwall and parts of West Devon have been blacklisted by lenders who are refusing to offer loans on homes that might contain defective concrete until a reliable test to diagnose the problem is

Their action has blighted an already fragile housing market, as owners have been unable to sell their homes because potential buyers have been refused mortgages.

Graham Phillips, manager of General Accident Property

wall, said that the market had been seriously harmed because of the problem. "You can't sell a pre-1950s concrete house at the moment,"

"Surveyors are putting a halt on sales till a reliable test has been found to diagnose whether the house is built of defective concrete. The problem comes when we aiready have a property market overshadowed by deep

Monday's meeting will dis-cuss tests being developed by the Building Research Establishment to diagnose whether a building contains defective concrete. An indication of how seriously the government

The hopes of hundreds of West Country families are being wrecked because of mortgage lenders' fears about a locallyproduced concrete, Rachel Kelly writes

views the problem is that the environment department is believed to have provided about £300,000 to fund the research to find a reliable test to decide whether a building is blighted by "mundic"

. Charles Stimson, chairman of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors steering committee investigating the issue, said: "Mundic concrete was manufactured mainly from a mining waste source which is available in abundance 30 per cent of concrete houses

throughout Cornwall, with its mine waste tips."

The material was mineralrich. Mr Stirnson said, adding: "It creates the instability within the concrete mix. which, when activated with moisture, breaks down the matrix of the material. The house literally crumbles."

Although fewer than 10 per cent of the houses are thought to be built of 'mundic' concrete and therefore to be in danger of collapse, the other in the South-West are affected by the blight until a reliable test is found.

Existing tests were exposed as unreliable last December after a meeting between surveyors from the chartered surveyors' institute and the main lenders. Lenders say that they cannot take any risks until the government comes up with a new and completely reliable

"Our committee are satisfied that the right procedure for testing is now in place, but further research is required to establish this more positively," Mr Stimson said.

David Coles, regional surveyor for the Abbey National and unofficial co-ordinator for lenders worried about the mundic problem, said: "We are waiting with bated breath to see whether the new testing regimes are reliable."

Whatever the result of next week's meeting. Terry Reseigh's home has already been found to be suffering from mundic concrete, and it is crumbling.

When he bought his home in 1982 with a 100 per cent mortgage, it was worth £12,250. Now it is worthless and he has debts of £10,000. "No estate agent will touch the house," Mr Reseigh said. He and his wife, Alice, and their children, Nicholas, Alice, Emma and Sarah, are being rehoused by Kerrier district council. It was the

council that discovered that the house contained mundic concrete when an official inspecied it when the authority was deciding whether to give

a grant for an extension. Mr Reseigh said: "It's been a very arduous road." Legal action was being considered.

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Though Mr Reseigh and his family will be rehoused by he said. the council, the problem remains that Mr Reseigh has a debt of £10,000 on his hands. Such has been the stress of the whole experience that Mr Reseigh is not working at the

moment Mr Stimpson hopes that owners will eventually be compensated under the 1980 Housing Defect Act.

Poll tax rebels launch new challenge

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS by councils to collect more than £1 billion in community charge arrears were under threat again last night after the High Court agreed to hear a challenge to the way summonses are is-sued to defaulters.

Howard Leah, unemployed, of Cilgwyn, Dyfed, was given leave to challenge the practice adopted by magistrates' courts of accepting evidence that a summons had been posted as proof that the defaulter had received it.

Hugo Charlton, counsel for Mr Leah, told Mr Justice Popplewell, that if the challenge succeeded, 95 per cent of the 8.1 million liability orders granted since the politax was introduced two years ago could be invalidated.

The case is the second seri-

ous challenge to enforcement of the charge this year. In February, the High Court ruled that computerised poll tax records could not be evidence of non-payment, prompting a change in the

Home Office figures show that only 267,097 of the 11 million people so far summonsed for non-payment turned up at court to defend themselves. The vast majority of orders were granted in the absence of the defaulter.

Although defaulters have to be brought before the court again before facing imprisonment for non-payment, the making of a liability order entitles a council to send in bailiffs and begin moves to attach earnings and benefits.

Mr Charlton, who represented some non-payers in the computer evidence case, said: "We say quite simply that the rules as they stand do not permit the magistrates to

proceed in the absence of the

"It is a principle of law that person must have notice that a hearing is to take place and be given the chance to defend themselves. It cannot be right to go ahead in their absence without proof that they know the hearing is tak-

ing place."
Mr Leah says that he did not receive a summons to a hearing before Fishguard magistrates in February of last year at which Presell Pembrokeshire district coun-cil obtained a liability order

were last night sceptical about the claimed impact of a ruling in Mr Lesh's favour. arguing that by no means all orders granted in the absence of the defendant would be invalidated. "If the defendant wrote to the council telling them to get stuffed, he could hardly argue that he had not had the summons," one law-yer said. "Nevertheless, an awful lot of people just pay up when the order arrives."

Lawyers said that even if the challenge were upheld, councils would probably not have to repay money obtained under liability orders invali-dated by the ruling. They would be entitled to keep pay-ments "on account" while summonses were re-issued and valid orders obtained. However, lawyers said that if

reissued, chaos would result. It would cost "millions of pounds, probably tens of millions, to reissue all these summonses nationally", one treasurer said.

Court officials said that a full hearing would probably take place within a month.

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Locked in: the "stairway to heaven", a series of 21 locks where the Grand Union Canal descends 146 feet over two miles

Canal seeks to open gates to 100,000 visitors a year

By CRAIG SETON

A FLIGHT of 21 canal locks known as the "stairway to heaven" is to become the site of a project to create one of the biggest tourist attractions on the British Waterways network. Hatton Locks, on the Grand Union Canal near Warwick, attracts about

vessels through the dramatic flight of lock gates that descend 146 feet in two miles. The site is one of the

workshops, a visitor centre and exhibition rooms. A canal basin would

of lock gates that descend 146 feet in two miles. The site is one of the most important and historic on the 2,000-mile interconnecting system of ravigable canals and tivers operated by British Waterways.

Plans will be submitted to War-wick district council this week for refurbishig buildings to create a resemble. To Brock, waterway managers and the township buildings to create a resemble. To Brock, waterway managers at Hatton Locks, said the

improvements were expected to increase the number of visitors to more than 100,000 a year. The first phase should be completed for sum-

British Waterways is holding talks with local authorities and the Countryside Commission to encourage the use of the towpath alongside the Grand Union Canal as a footpath between London and Birmingham.

As the onion war

hots up in France,

Peter Victor

reports from Brest

on one man's

defiant stand

urity guards, with attack

dogs, to guard his premises.

farmers has hit him hard.

The blockading and destruc-

tion of onions en route to his

plant for packing has left him without work and paying ex-

francs an hour [about £20] and they have been here three

weeks now," he said. "Out of

50 long loads of onions we

expected by now, we have received only a dozen."

He explained that the

farmers were angry at being

undercut. Even after grow-

The guards cost 210

tra bills for security.

The dispute with local

Besieged company

chief pledges to fight

FRANCOIS Maze, the man

at the front line in the onion

war in Britanny, northern France, looked up defiantly

from the handfuls of Turkish

shallots he held yesterday and said that he was deter-

mined to keep his business

going.

M Maze's packaging plant

in Plouneour Trez near the Breton port of Roscoff is the

final destination of Turkish

onions shipped by the British

transport company Davex of

Lincolnshire, which has had

ing incident in which a £32,000 consignment of on-

Christian publisher may be boycotted

Senior authors are considering a boycon of Britain's leading Christian publisher in a dispute over a gay liturgy book (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The governing body of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) yes-terday confirmed last month's decision by the publishing committee to cancel publication of the book. Daring To Speak Love's Name. The author, Elizabeth Stuart, yesterday threatened to sue for damages. About ten leading authors are understood to be considering boycotting

The Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr George Carey, has told SPCK that the book ran counter to a recent statement by the House of Bishops on homosexuality. He said in a letter to Judith Longman. SPCK editorial director, it was regrettable that liturgies for people with Aids might appear in the same covers as liturgies for people in same-

sex relationships.

The Rev John Polking-horne, SPCK vice-chairman, said yesterday neither the committee not the governing body were "improperly influ-enced" by Dr Carey's letter. The decision was by "signifi-cant majority".

Hit 'adapted to gay lyrics'

Jason Donovan's hit song "Any dream will do" was adapted by gays to become "Any queen will do", a High Court libel jury was told yesterday. Ben Summerskill, who wrote the article at the centre of the star's action against The Face magazine, told the court that he had heard 4,000 people singing the alternative version at a

gay pride festival.

However, Sheryl Garran, editor of The Face, said she deleted references to the song. Mr Donovan is claiming the feature insinuated that he was a liar for maintaining he was heterosexual. The Face's publishers and the author deny libel.

The hearing continues

Drugs charges

Eight men appeared in court yesterday accused in connection with the seizure of co-caine, said by Customs and Excise officers to be worth £150 million. The eight ap-peared before Manchester's stipendiary magistrate charged with conspiring together and with others to import cocaine between Jan-uary 1, 1991 and March 31. Seven of the men are from Liverpool, the eight from

Health protest

About 500 people from the 100-mile journey by land and sea to demand the return of acute surgery facilities ar Daliburgh hospital on South Uist, which were suspended two years ago. The hospital serves several islands. The protesters have paid £6,000 to charter a ship to take them from the North Uist port of Lochmaddy to Stornoway on Lewis where they are expect ed to march on the health board headquarters.

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O&Y misses Tube deadline

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE troubled Docklands property developer Olympia & York failed to meet the deadline for a £40 million contribution towards the cost of the Jubilee Line extension between central and eastern London, London Underground said yesterday.

Plans to start work on the E1.3 billion project, intended to boost the regeneration of Docklands with an Underground line betwen Green Park and Stratford via the 64 billion Canary Wharf development on the Isle of Dogs. must be held in abeyance until long-term funding has

been renegotiated.
Under the terms of the 1989 understanding between O&Y and Cecil Parkinson, the former transport secretary, O & Y undertook to pay £40 million towards the cost of the extension by the end March 1992, a further £60 million by March 1993, and the balance of £300 million on completion in 1996.

Doubts over O & Y's ability

emerged last week when the company said that it was negotiating with its creditors over its debts, estimated to be more than \$20 billion.

London Underground secured parliamentary approval to begin work on the new line in March. It cannot, however, begin work on the project without O & Y's contribution, which amounts to almost a third of the cost.

"O&Y have received the final draft of the agreement paving the way for the line, and we are awaiting a response." London Under-ground said. "The door is not yet closed. If O & Y can come

If O&Y is unable to reschedule its payments, the government may be com-

pelled to step in and bridge the funding gap. The alterna-tive would be to reduce the number of stations. ☐ British Rail's plans to upgrade the west coast mainline

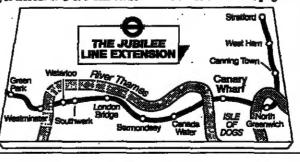
etween London and Glasgow will be given top priority under a Labour government John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said

up with the money in the near

future, it will still be possible

O&Y loan doubts, page 21

one of its lorries hijacked and burnt by militant local farmers and another driver shot Threats, abuse, and demands that he cease taking delivery of the onions have been sprayed in graffin on the sides of M Maze's home and out-buildings, as well as the packaging plant. He takes the threats seri-ously after last week's hijack-



Scientists unearth 'largest organism'

THE largest, possibly heaviest and maybe oldest organism alive has been found in the forests of Michigan, North America. The single organism, a

parasitic fungus which has grown from a single spore and which grows mainly underground, is estimated to cover at least 15 hectares (150,000 square metres). making it 16.8 times the size of the pitch and surrounding grass of Wembley stadium, which measures 8,888 square metres. Scientists have calcuated its weight at 10,000 kilogrammes or over 100 tonnes and it is at least 1.500 years-old.

The organism compares favourably in weight with the Blue Whale, which normally tips the scales at 100 tonnes, and also with the Giant Redwoods of America. Although the redwoods, Sequoiadendron

A fungus bigger than Wembley stadium has been found in a forest, reports Nick Nuttal

to 3,000 years researchers point out that most of a redwood is made up of dead wood and that their estimates for the weight and age of the fungus are proba-

David Lonsdale, a tree pathologist at the government's Alice Holt forest research station at Farnham. Surrey, and a scientist who has seen the research, said it was possible that even bigger fungal organisms were

waiting to be discovered. The fungus, of the species Armillaria bulbosa which grows in North America and Europe, has been elevated to celebrity status by botanists and biotechnolgiganteum. can weigh over botanists and biotechnol-1,000 tonnes and live for up ogists at the University of

Toronto and Michigan Technological University. The discovery, which is published in the British

iournal Nature, comes from work aimed at trying to identify an individual fungus from the myriad of diferent fungi that might live in the same soil. Some of the latest genetic

fingerprinting techniques were used allowing the team to estimate the minimum area over which the organ-The genetic tests allowed them to prove that all the

samples taken over the 15 hectares were genetically identical instead of closely related relatives that had sprung from a variety of spores over many centuries. James Anderson, profes-

sor of botany at the University of Toronto, said that the research showed unambigiously that the fungi studied was one organism that had grown rather "like a baby grows into an

be much larger but it is impossible to speculate".
The organism's age was

estimated by calculating the growth rate and the time itwould take to stretch from a single spore to cover the 15 hectare area. Professor Anderson said: Our research shows that

this organism plays a significant role in the ecosystem." He said that because most of the fungus was under the soil its role had until now has understandably been ignored". He said that the main body of the fungus was reddish in colour although older parts were black.

Apan from its size, age and weight the fungus also produced "mushrooms commonly known as Honey mushrooms, which have a brown cap. They are edible and really quite delicious. It also produces enough to make quite a good meal."

ing, shipment from Turkey, and packing, the onions could be sold for eight francs ions was destroyed. M Maze, age 64, has hired three seca kilo (2.21b). Local produce is sold for 16-18 francs. The local co-operative has a stockpile of six to seven hundred tonnes of onions. Before we started bringing ours in, onions here were very expensive, and very bad quality. Turkish onions are more

> The packing house normally employs 30 to 40 casual staff. Yesterday a handful of people worked under the proection of the guards.

> reasonably priced, and the quality is very good. The co-operative is indulging in pro-

If the costs to M Maze are high, the potential damage to the whole enterprise is massive. Another 50 shipments, worth about £1.6 million, await transportation and packing from Turkey. Peter Davis, the managing

director of Davex, which is behind the enterprise, backs M Maze. "We stand to lose around £2 million setting this up."
Last night, Mr Davis was

due to meet Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in a televised debate on the issue, where he intended to press for representation to the French government.

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ALFRED Dryden, the former steelworker who shot dead a council official overseeing the demolition of his bungalow built without planning per-mission, was jailed for life by Newcastle crown court yesterday. The killing was probably Britain's first real life TV

murder as the incident was recorded by a BBC TV crew assigned to report the demolition for local bulletins at the end of an 18-month wrangle over planning permission.

Their video film of the

shooting last June was a significant piece of evidence against Dryden, a single man aged 51, at his 13-day trial.

The jury took two hours to reject his claim of diminished responsibility and find him guilty of murdering Harry Collinson, aged 46, the chief planning officer of Derwentside Council in Co Durham and a father of two young children. Dryden used an ille-

TO MANY who met Dryden

he was little more than a joke

figure, scruffily dressed, with

unkempt long hair and a grizzled grey beard. His be-

haviour veered to the eccen-

tric, whether it was cruising

around Consett in an ostenta-

tious Cadillac, sparking fears

of a murder by hurling a

dummy from a bridge, or

firing dozens of home-made

rockets from a moorland

Even the police regarded him

as an amiable eccentric. In

the end that proved to be a

He had made threats of

violence in defence or the

ramshackle bungalow he was

building. The tragic finale to

his long confrontation with

authority was seen by mil-lions watching that evening's

television news. A camera

crew on hand to record the

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unarmed officers on duty as

the demolition squad moved

in. An armed response unit,

Senior police officers have

fatal miscalculation.

Nobody took him seriously.

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gally held 1924 .45 service the bungalow later this revolver to shoot Mr month Neil Johnson, chief Collinson three times, twice executive, said yesterday: "It's through the heart and once in the head, as buildozers moved towards his bungalow at Butsfield near Consett, Co Durham.

Bungalow murder

Demolition dispute

killer jailed for life

He received a second life sentence after being convict-ed of the attempted murder of Michael Dunstan, the council's solicitor, and was jailed for seven years concurrently for wounding a TV reporter, Tony Belmont, and PC Ste-phen Campbell, who was on duty at the scene.

Dryden had denied all the charges, claiming he was mentally unbalanced at the time having become stressed by his long-running battle with the local authority over the bungalow that he had built using a £13,000 redundancy payment from the dosure of the British Steel Consen works.

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To the police,

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Peter Davenport

reports

one of two within the county

created after the Hungerford

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That decision has been crit-

icised by Mr Collinson's

brother Roy, a local farmer.

"What good were they there?

They were too far away to be

effective when they were

needed. I want to know why

armed police weren't at my brother's side to protect him."

Eddie Marchant, Co Dur-

ham's assistant police consta-

ble, insists that police had no

reason to suspect there would

be a shooting. He said they had no prior knowledge Dry-den was armed and that it

HARRY Collinson paid the

killed him, colleagues said

shooting, councillors consid-

ered secretly demolishing the

Eleven days before the

ultimate price for being scrupulously fair to the man who

station five miles away.



Home-made weapons: PC Steve Mumrod with Dryden's arsenal of rocket launchers and shells

executive, said yesterday: "It's still standing at the moment but it will be demolished. Nothing has changed: my instructions are quite clear: it

must go." Two psychiatrists called for the defence had said that Dryden was mentally unhinged and had become obsessed with the planning dispute. Sentencing him, Mrs Jus-

tice Ebsworth said: "The state of your mind on June 20 was abnormal, but not abnormal to the extent of diminishing your responsibility for what you did. Whilst the state of your mind remains as it was, that is disturbed and likely to react to the stresses with which you could not cope in this grotesque way. you are a dangerous man. The judge ordered the destruction of Dryden's firearms and ammunition, found by police after the shootings.

The incident was broadcast nationally within hours of the shooting. The video film showed Dryden, clad in work clothes, a baseball cap and sporting a bushy grey beard, pull his pistol from its holster

and aim at the official. After firing a fatal shot he sprayed bullets at the officials and assembled press before firing at Mr Collinson's body. He reloaded, fired indiscriminately once more and, fired the last shot into Mr Collinson's head.

Mr Johnson. Collinson's boss, said that £20,000 had been raised for a memorial fund. It would go towards a nature reserve and the Harry Collinson Travel Scholarship, set up in memory of his concern about Third. World environmental issues.

was only after the killing that

they uncovered an arsenal of

more than 40 rifles, revolvers,

mortar shell cases and home

made ammunition at the

bungalow and from the coun-

cil house in Consett that Dry-den shared with his hand-

Dryden was known to

Consett police. They can-celled his firearms certificate

in 1960 after a routine search

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gally held a shotgun, materials for making ammunition and a rifle stock converted to

a pistol butt. Nine years ago

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applying for a gun licence for

Mr Marchant added: "De-

spite that incident the police

viewed Dryden as an amiable

eccentric, principally because

of his highly publicised refus-

al to obey planning regula-

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with most of our young offi-

ment with Mr Dryden dated

back 11 years and Harry acted fairly throughout." Al-

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cided to because he felt it was

unfair to ask a subordinate to

take on such a difficult job.

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Prison for PC attack on black motorist

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A POLICEMAN who repeatedly stamped on the head of an innocent black motorist and then tried to cover up the attack was jailed for 30 months yesterday.

PC Alec Mason, aged 28, nicknamed "King of the Beat", was told by the judge at the Central Criminal Court after his conviction for assault and perverting the course of justice that he had used unforgivable violence and brought great discredit upon the police.

The attack on Harold Benn, aged 27, an amateur boxer, was confirmed only after special constables, sickened by Mason's behaviour. reported him. Mr Benn was breath tested early on January 6, 1990, after he was stopped for speeding in his Volvo estate car in Tooting, southwest London. Although the test proved negative, officers arrested him on suspi-cion of driving a stolen car.

Mr Benn angrily protested and up to 20 officers, called in to assist, surrounded him and bundled him face down into the back of a police van where Mason stamped at least three times on his head

with the heel of his shoe. Mr Benn said he was told during the assault: "You black bastard, this will teach you to mess about with the police." The stamping caused his face to swell and when he was brought to



Mason, left, condemned in court for inexcusable conduct, and Mr Benn, his innocent victim

Tooting police station the officer in charge sent for the police doctor. Mr Benn was later re-

leased after he was found to be the legal owner of the car and immediately lodged a complaint. He asked a friend to photograph his injuries and organised an inde-

pendent examination of his face and body by two doctors.

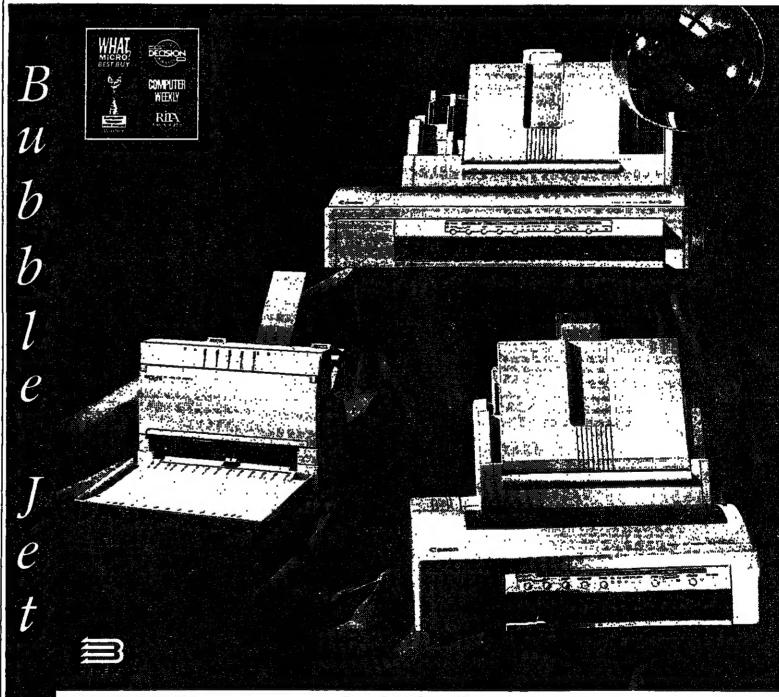
The Recorder of London, Judge Verney, told Mason: "The offences were particularly disgraceful in the case of a serving police officer. It was inexcusable conduct. The suggestion was that this would remind the victim to show respect for the police whereas nothing could be more calculated to ensure disrespect. Reference to his colour can only lead to a

community Commmander John

deterioration in relations

between police and

O'Connor, of south-west London police division, said that the convictions had brought discredit on the force. "But I would point out that police officers themselves were instrumental in providing corroborative evidence which has led to these convictions," he added.



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taking an underhand course and dissuaded them. Neil Johnson, chief executive of Derwentside council, said: "Harry was scrupulous Dryden: Police had to a fault in the way he handled this case. Our involve-

bungalow at night while Dry-Anthony Slack, vice-presiden was asleep at his home five miles away. Mr Collinson, however, did not want the council to be seen to be

Council officer paid

price for being fair

dent of the District Planning Officers' Society, of which Mr Collinson was a member. said: "In spite of this terrible tragedy the planning law still has to be enforced and we must not allow violence or the threat of violence to deter us from enforcing the law on behalf of the

TV-am gives Frost 200% rise

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Frost, the TV-am presenter, last year became Britain's highest paid broadcaster with a 200 per cent increase for his Sunday

morning political interviews. TV-am, which lost its licence in last October's ITV franchise auction, disclosed in its annual report yesterday that Mr Frost's salary rose from £127,000 in 1990 to £368,000 last year.

Mr Frost's rise compares with an average 9.3 per cent increase last year among directors of companies with turnover over £500 million and an average 8 per cent rise across the whole economy, according to the British Institute of Management.

The increase gives Mr

Frost £8,500 for each 90-

minute Frost on Sunday programme. He is paid six times more than the prime minister and 12 times as much as the backbench MPs who appear on his show.

Mr Frost, who also presents programmes for Yorkshire TV, PBS Television in the US and BSkyB, beats other top earners in-cluding Michael Aspel, Terry Wogan and Cilla Black who have salaries of between £330,000 and £350,000. The TV-am chairman. Bruce Gyngell, earns £280,000 a

Yesterday TV-am, which on Tuesday announced profits halved to £12.5 million, said Mr Frost had received a big rise because he had done more programmes. For half of 1990, Mr Frost shared proceeds with his former copresenter Anne Diamond. So far this year Mr Frost has earned £110,500 from TV-am.

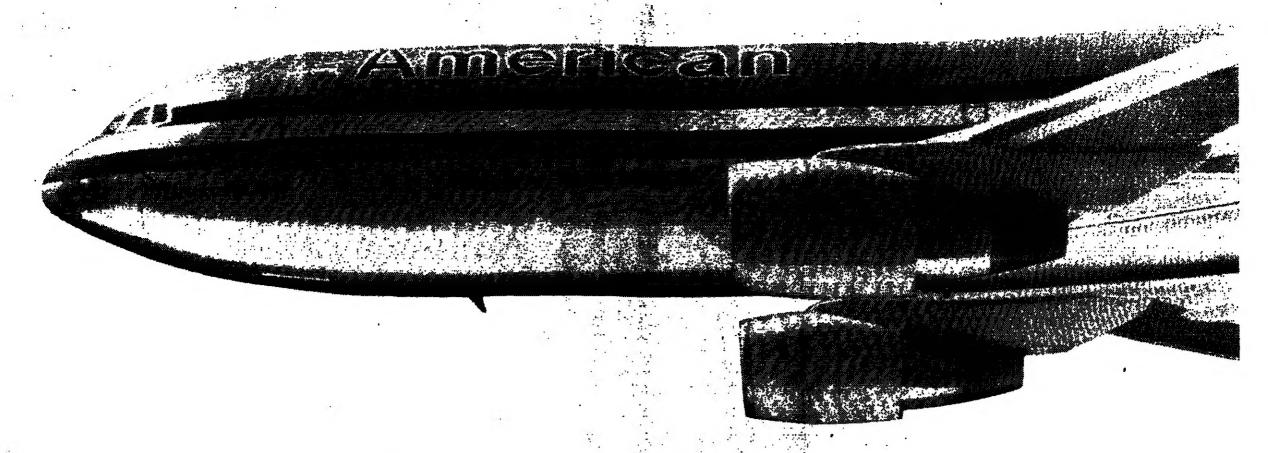
☐ Westcountry Television, awarded the franchise for southwest England, announced yesterday that it had finally won the right to broadcast after a court battle with its unsuccessful rival. The company was awarded

the ten-year licence last October by the Independent Television Commission. which preferred its £7.8 million bid to the £16.1 million offered by the present licence-holders Television South West. TSW had contested the decision in three separate hearings.

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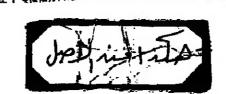
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Women jail staff 'suffer harassment'

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN prison officers at a top-security jail have suffered sexual harassment from male colleagues including the placing of pornography in the women's lavatories, it is alleged in a report published today.

Lavatories used by women officers at Frankland jail, near Durham, had also been deliberately soiled, although the report into conditions at the prison does not make clear whether male officers or immates were responsible.

The allegations concern the treatment of 18 women staff at the prison, which opened nine years ago to house 432

Poor deal for foster parents

By Jeremy Laurance SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PLACING a child in foster care costs less than keeping a dog in kennels and foster parents are subsidising the community out of their own pockets, according to new research.

Minimum allowances paid to foster parents as recommended by the National Foster Care Association range from £43.35, for a child up to four, to £65 for 13 to 15-year-olds. Two thirds of authorities pay below the minimum. Kennel fees range from £35 to £70 a week, according to the RSPCA.

Foster parents are not officially paid for the work they do but the allowance is intended to cover the cost of food, clothing and other essentials for the child. Because it is calculated from the average spending of all households, including low spending pensioners and childless couples, the allowance is as much as £15 below the true cost, according to the study by the Centre for Health Economics in York.

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Paul Kind, author of the report and himself a foster parent, said that levels of spending on foster care varied hugely, ranging from £23 a head in Kirklees, West Yorkshire, to £228 a head in Westminster. It was hard to see how some funding could be adequate. "Some local authorities are spending less than half what central government says they should spend on child care," he said.

Caring for Children — Counting the Costs (Centre for Health Economics, York University, York, YO1 5DD, 54) inmates. Judge Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, says in his report: "All representatives spoke of difficulties experienced by female members of staff at Frankland, many of them covert or insidious, and all regretted the attitudes of a minority of male colleagues.

"There had even, it was said, been deliberate soiling of lavatories set aside in the wings for the use of female prison officers, and pornographic literature had been left in them by male officers."

Judge Tumim's report says

Judge Turnim's report says that management at the jail were suprised and horrified at allegations that male officers were guilty of such activity. It also says that some male officers had said that women officers should not be employed in top-security prisons.

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The Home Office said last
night that the governor had
investigated the allegations,
and had discovered there had
been an isolated incident.
Judge Tumim's report also

Judge Tumim's report also criticises the prison service's management of immates with serious records of disruption. It says that in Frankland there was a small, influential group of prisoners with experience of serious prison disorders. They had usurped the authority of staff and other prisoners were forced to live, "sometimes in terror, along-side powerful, influential bullies".

The report says the implementation of plans outlined in 1984 to create small units to house disruptive prisoners is overdue. Last night the Home Office said that there were three units housing 26 to 30 prisoners considered to

be persistently disruptive.

According to the report, tension between inmates and staff at Frankland has been abnormally high for some time. It says that officers and governors feel that the jail has been used as a dumping gound for fixed-sentence prisoners and for lifers. Twenty per cent of prisoners are estimated to have been in trouble at other jails and tension had caused increasing sickness among staff.

Many prisoners, the report says, are far from home and seem to be sent to Frankland to encourage better behaviour, rewarded ultimately with a transfer to a prison nearer home. "The practice of locating immates in prisons far from their homes lead to bitterness and extremes of behaviour which ultimately force the authorities to concede by transferring miscreans to other prisoner."

HIM Prison Frankland. Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons. (Home Office; £1.50)

'First' holiday camp for sale

MORE than a decade before Billy Butlin opened his first holiday camp at Skegness, Albert Henshaw began attracting adventurous holidaymakers to a circle of caravans and chalets on a nearby Lincolnshire

beach called Trusville.

Sixty-eight years later the site — claiming to be the first holiday camp in Britain and still in the same family — is up for sale.

Some of the original chalets still stand and a gymnasium, swimming pool, roller rink and nine-hole crazy golf course have been added. Albert Henshaw's son, Leslie, has nobody to hand the business on to and hopes to get about £500.000 for the site which, he says, is free of "yobboes" and has never acquired a "hi-de-hi" image.

"When Pop opened Trusville only the rich could afford to go on holiday," he said yesterday. "Some even



Albert Henshaw: began with a circle of caravans

A chalet centre that shuns the hi-de-hi image is in search of a new owner, writes

came in cars, but all that was available to them were hotels or boarding houses with dictatorial landladies who kicked them out after breakfast and imposed draconian rules.

Harvey Elliott

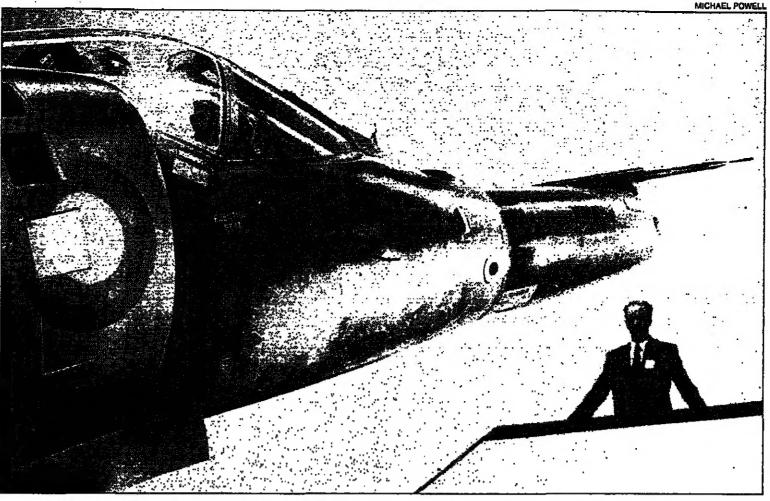
"He was very far-sighted and bought the land around the village of Trusthorpe and turned it into Britain's first holiday camp with a circle of 20 caravans."

Local landladies were

horrified at this threat to business and persuaded the local council to ban caravans from the site. Albert responded by building chalets and the business went on to develop among aficionados from the north Midlands. The 25-acre site now boasts 105 chalets and flats and 85 caravans and can accommodate more than 1,000 people.

Leslie Henshaw, who is 72 and has cancer, said: "Billy Butlin was a showman and had the flair to grow from nothing into what the organisation is today. We did not aim for such heights but developed a very loyal clientele and many of our guests today are the grandchildren of those who came 60 years

Trusville will be auctioned in Louth on April 28. A buyer already in the business would be preferred.



Reunited: Squadron Leader Nick Gilchrist views the Harrier jump jet that he flew in the Falklands war and which is now the centrepiece of the Imperial War Museum's Task Force South exhibition opening today to mark the tenth anniversary of the conflict. Mrs Thatcher has lent a "much loved" painting of the landing at San Carlos Bay. Sir Rex Hunt, former Falkland Islands governor, has

lent two bullet-riddled beer mats from Government House.

A very British cover-up, page 16

Asian man 'thrown at Tube train'

A MAN flung off a London Underground platform by racist attackers bounced off a train and back to the platform, a court was told yesterday.

Jayram Patel, aged 29.

Jayram Patel, aged 29, struck his head on the front of the train, the Central Criminal Court was told. "My head really hurt and I felt very dizzy." Mr Patel said.

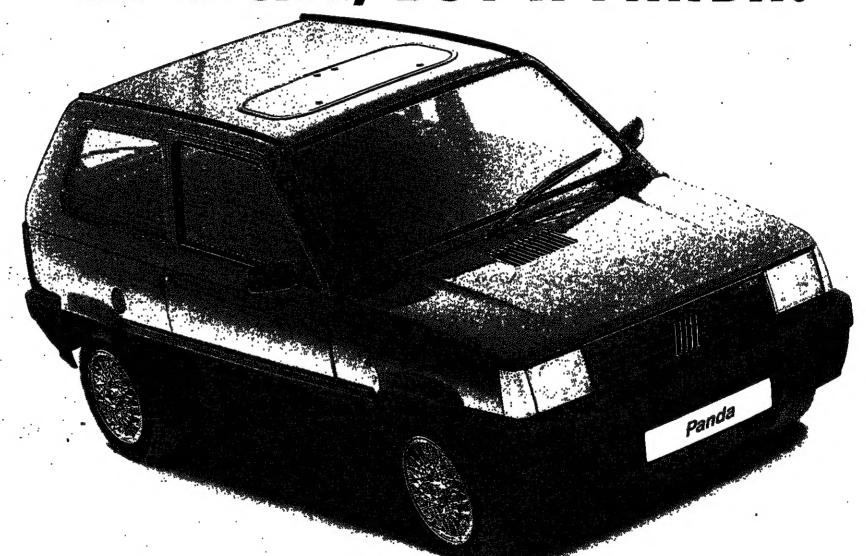
Mr Patel, a baker, of Forest Gate, east London, was giving evidence at the trial of John Askins, aged 23, of Rotherhithe, southeast London, and Nicholas Monkhouse, aged 20, of Blackheath, southeast London, who deny attempted murder, assault causing grievous bodily harm, wounding with intent and affray. It is alleged that they hurled abuse at Mr Patel and four other Asians at Surrey Quays station.

Mr Patel said that he had been stabbed on the shoulder with a bottle and had been dragged to the edge of the platform and thrown off it.

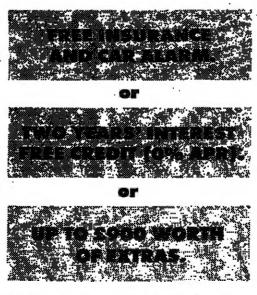
Aftab Jafferjee, for the prosecution, said: "If the train had been two seconds later, Mr Patel would have landed on the tracks."

The trial continues today.

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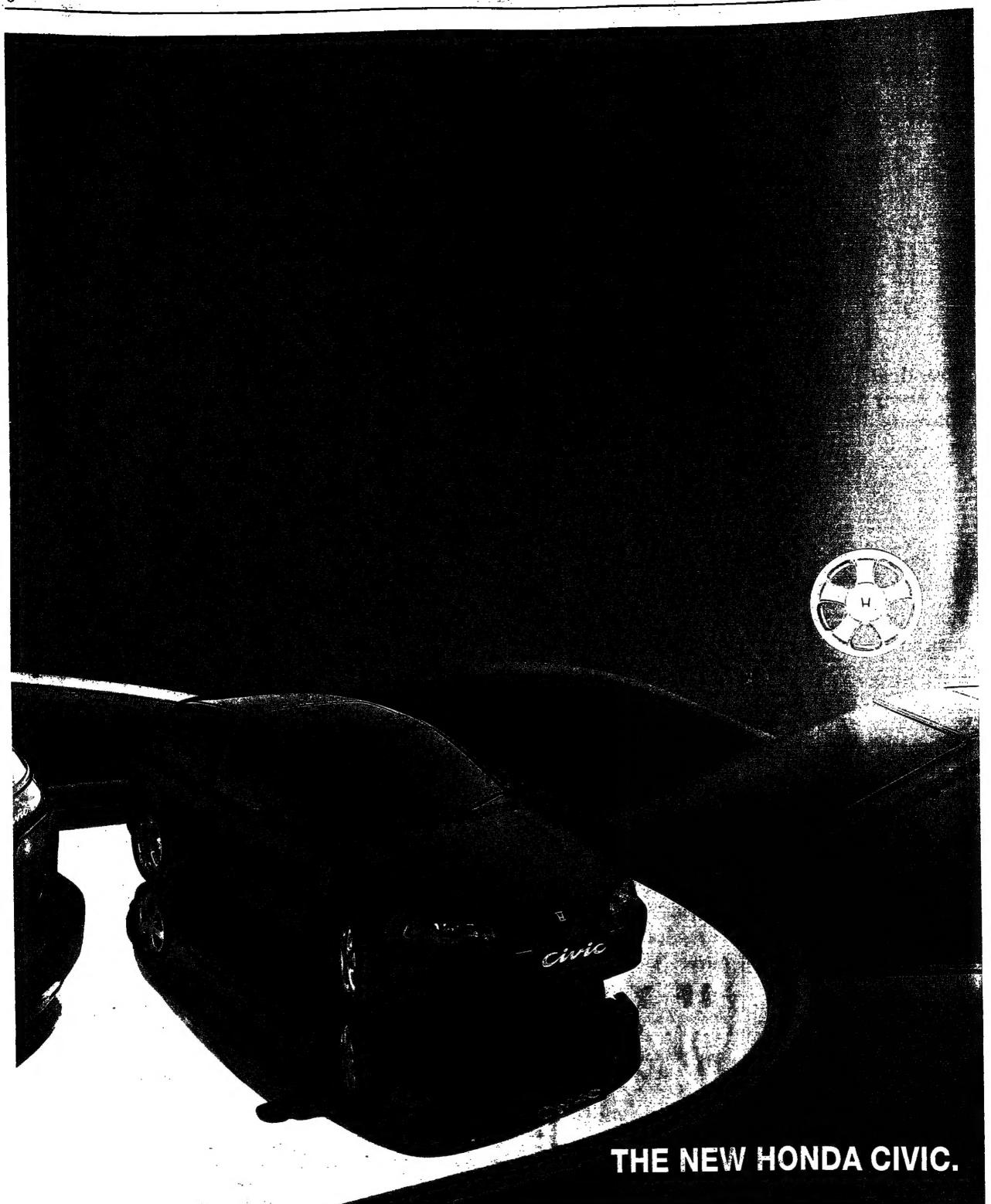
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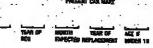
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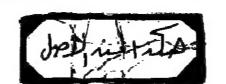
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Ombudsman's report

Tax and DSS staff give poor service

BY TONY DAWE

LOCAL tax and social security offices were criticised by the parliamentary ombudsman yesterday for the "lamentable" way they often dealt with the public, particularly pensioners and the disadmentaced

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Presenting his annual report. William Reid, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, said that the handling of people seeking unemployment and social security benefits and of pensioners with tax problems had caused him the "greatest distress". He criticised government departments for taking too long to consider complaints and to act on his findings.

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Mr Reid's report, the 25th by a parliamentary ombudsman, showed a sharp increase, to 801, in the number of complaints referred to him last year by MPs. It confirms the trend reported in *The Times* earlier this week of increasing complaints about public services and bodies.

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The ombudsman found complaints fully or partly justified in all but 18 of the 183 investigations completed last year. Twenty-eight per cent of the complaints concerned the Department of Social Security and 16 per cent the Inland Revenue. Mr Reid told The Times that the two departments had "far more transactions with the public of an emotive nature" than other government ministries and that their standards generally were quite high.

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However, he added: "Unsophisticated people down on their luck who have been trying to get a payment introduced for their type of case are often dealt with in a shody fashion by local offices which are apathetic and do not seem to care about ungen-

cy. Staff might be working in poor conditions and harassed by the public but they are there to offer a service and when they do not I get very distressed."

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Cases highlighted in the report included:

• A man who gave up work

temporarily to look after his terminally ill wife and was refused a home responsibility protection grant to safeguard his pension. The ombudsman said that it took six years to resolve the claim and critcised the social security department for "very poor service".

 Delays of up to seven months in dealing with appeals from people on low incomes who had been refused family credit

family credit.

Refusals by social security offices to backdate attendance allowances which had not been paid to people looking after sick relatives because of administrative errors.

The report criticised the Inland Revenue for its handling of pensioners' complaints, for mistaking one taxpayer for a man who was bankrupt and for an "outrageous" case involving inheritance tax.

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"Doing damn all is often at the root of a complaint." Mr Reid said. "I often discover that a file has been lost, that officials have not known what to do and there has been inadequate supervision of poorly trained staff."

He criticised the Home Office, for building on an ancient monument in Dover without consulting English Heritage or the environment department, and the Welsh Office, which had refused to accept his findings in a building grant case but later offered compensation to the house owner.



Horseplay: police escorting a pantomime horse yesterday for the launch of a Children's Society appeal

April foolery keeps public guessing

PROOF that you can fool not only some of the people, but rather a lot of them, a good deal of the time came yesterday as the public responded to the now traditional April Fool's day stories in the media.

Radio 4's Today and Woman's Hour suggested that there was a genetic link between laughing and nagging, and BBC Radio Solent switchboard was flooded by callers taken in by a broadcast claiming that the Isle of Wight was being claimed by the French because of an ancient pipe linking the island with France.

One cruel April fool joke had a happy ending for Mary Byrne of Highgate, Birmingham. She received a letter on British Airways notepaper telling her to pick up free tickets yesterday at Birmingham airport for a holiday in Florida. When she rang to confirm her competition "prize" BA staff told her she had been hoaxed. To make up for her disappointment, she was presented with two free tickets for Barcelona. An announcement in the

An announcement in the Grantham Trader newspaper that a £150,000 statA flood of fanciful tales confounded the gullible yesterday, reports David Young

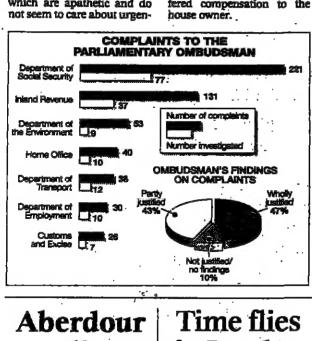
ue of Margaret Thatcher was to be erected in her home town of Grantham resulted in a flood of angry calls to South Kesteven district council.

The council has made an official complaint to the newspaper, claiming that the spoof was a waste of time and public money.

Readers of The Times who did not get to the final line in our third leader, which discussed negotiations over proposals to dismantle the Belgian state, may still be under the impression that what many may feel is a sound idea is about to happen.

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• Russia, not noted for levity, saw a rash of jokes. Moscow papers reported on gay rights activists crossing the Atlantic co-cooned in inflated condoms. Moskovskaya Pravda announced the city council was building a second metro system "in the interests of competition".



Aberdour creditors seek assets

A legal dispute began yesterday over the luxury cars, furniture and jewellery bought by Rosemary Aberdour who was jailed for four years last week for deception, forgery and stealing over £2 million from a charity.

The Official Receiver told

The Official Receiver told creditors meeting in London yesterday that most assets were held by police and it was difficult to put a value on them. Claims to assets frozen after Aberdour's arrest are being made by her employer, the National Hospital Development Foundation, Abbey National, Barclays bank, American Express and others

Solicitor jailed

Dawn Colebrook, aged 41, a solicitor, was jailed for two years for stealing more than £162,000 from clients. Colebrook, whose practice was in her maiden name of D.V.M Bala, in Newport, Gwent, ran up debts of £1.2 million on a luxury life style, Cardiff crown court was told. She has been struck off by the Law Society.

Rail accident

A driver escaped from his car seconds before it was struck by an express train at Hatfield Peveral, Essex, after he had careered off the road, mounted an embankment, crashed through a fence and fallen 15ft onto the line. Nobody was hurt but the car was like a little crumpled ball, police said.

Royal train

The Duke of Edinburgh is to travel on the Paignton to Kingswear steam railway when he attends the passing out parade at Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmouth, Devon, next week.

Time flies in London clubland

By Sarah Jane Checkland Saleroom Correspondent

THIEVES have stolen valuable clocks from at least ten London clubs in the past three months. Police believe that the thefts happen in the early hours and are connected. The thefts come after a spate of about 35 burglaries from London galleries two years ago.

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Most of the stolen clocks are small and portable, such as a £3,000 mahogany carriage clock lifted from Brooks's in St James's, and a carriage clock from a first floor room at the Carlton Club, also in St James's. But the list includes an 8ft grandfather clock by Joshua Savage of London from the Arts Club in Dover Street. All three clocks were stolen in

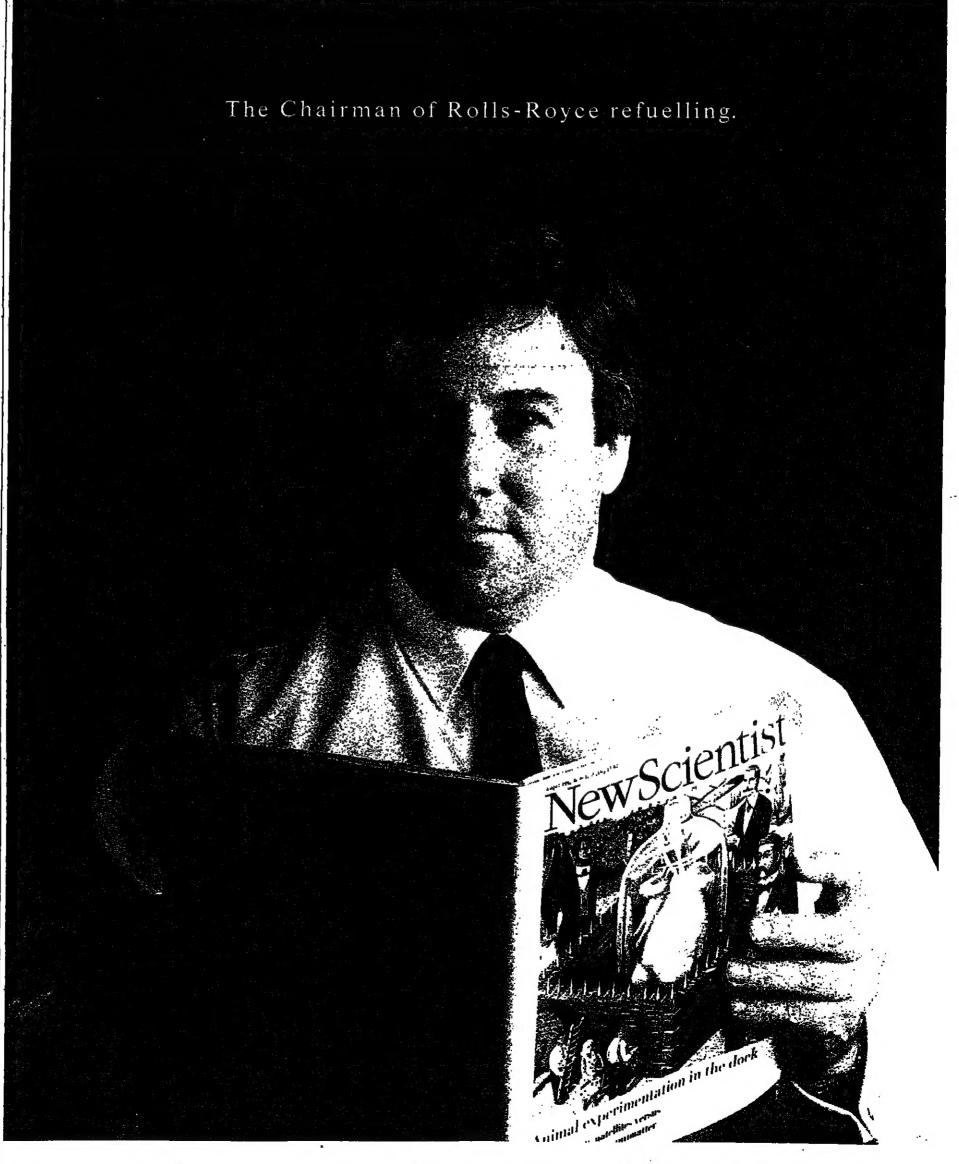
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The great bastion of female clubland, the University Women's Club in Audley Square, had a £1,000 clock stolen from the dining room. Now the thieves appear to be widening their field of operations. On March 11 a £8,400 George III bracket clock by Edward Whitingham was stolen from the head office of Grand Metropolitan in Han-

over Square.

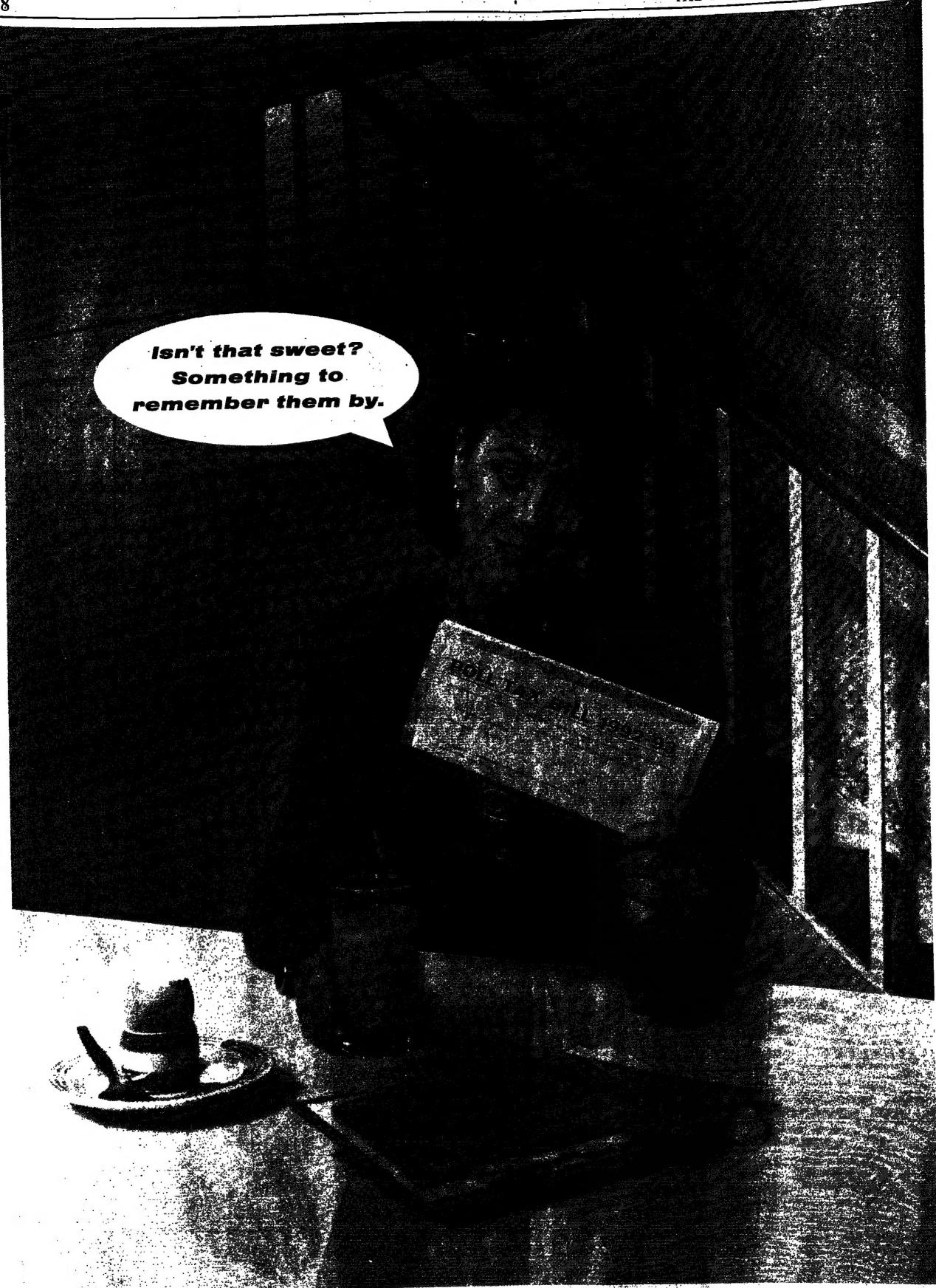
Club secretaries were reluctant to discuss the matter yesterday. "Obviously there is a clock thief going around Pall Mall and St James's bit we don't want to draw attention to it while the police investigation is going on," Michael Roberts, at Brooks's.

One of the Arts Club clocks has been recovered at an art fair in Nottingham after the dealer who bought it responded to a £1,500 reward offered in an advertisement in Tracs, the art theft magazine.



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Scots can look forward to leading role in a Labour cabinet

IF NEIL Kinnock forms a government after April 9, a quarter of his ministers are likely to come from Scotland. Labour has been able not only to maintain its electoral position there when it was in retreat in England but also to

attract candidates of talent. Labour remained in the political mainstream in Scotland when the party in England was often seen as extremist and hard left. Bennism and Militant had an impact in Scotland but only on the fringes. Who could question the respectability of John Smith and Donald Dewar? The Social Democrats had odd moments north of the border, notably the victory by Roy Jenkins in the Hillhead byelection ten years ago. But

Labour did not split. Several theories exist for why Labour's vote held up in 1983 and 1987. The big pub-lic sector and high proportion of council houses are only a partial explanation since Labour performed better than indicated on social and class grounds. Suburban seats went Labour in Edinburgh and Glasgow, which in England would have been solidly Tory. Scotland has a distinct political identity although it is too simple to say it has re-tained collectivist welfare values since there has also been

not strike the chord she did in By maintaining its electoral position, Labour has retained high quality people. By con-trast, the Tories have lost their way in Scotland not only because of their electoral failures but also because many of their ambitious candidates

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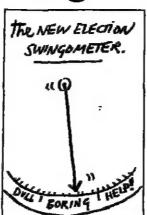
South to find seats Talking to leading Labour candidates in Scotland earlier this week, I was struck not only by the quality of many but also how they were at ease with the prospect of power. There was little of the insecurity that is noticeable in English Labour candidates.

Mr Smith, the great success of the campaign so far, Robin Cook, Gordon Brown and Mr Dewar will be important in any Labour cabinet. Martin O'Neill, now defence spokesman, will presmably have a senior role. Scotland will also supply several prom-ising middle-rank ministers, notably George Robertson,

government; and, among the 1987 entrants, Alistair Darling, Sam Galbraith and Henry McLeish. But, for most of the postwar era, the only Scot in a Labour cabinet was often the Scottish secretary. Scottish influence is likely to be the greatest since the pre-1914 Liberal cabinet.

In England, however, some

of the ablest MPs and candidates left to join the SDP, or dropped out of politics entirely after the election defeats of 1979, 1983 and 1987. Faced by failure, they pursued their careers. As Labour was forced back into its northern and inner-city heartlands, a higher proportion of candidates d MPs were drawn from union officials and local councillors. The main lasting impact of reselection, and the 1983 boundary changes, was not to push the party left-



wards, but to increase the number of worthy, unexciting locally based candidates (although there is no shortage of second-rate party hacks among Labour members in

and around Glasgow). The

talented London-based can-

didates who dominated past Labour governments have disappeared.

The return of Labour nationally to the mainstream has meant a higher quality of Labour candidates in this election - not so much where sitting MPs have retired, but in the marginal seats that the party now looks like winning. The Labour candidates likely to be elected in a week's time are of higher quality than the 1983 and 1978 intakes in England.

If the national Labour party has become more like the Scottish party, there are dangers also. So far, Labour has been able both to present a respectable face as the party of the establishment and to lead the attack on the Tories for their record at Westminster. Contrary to the impression in London that the election north of the border is

all about devolution. Labour leaders have emphasised health, education and job prospects and presented the constitutional question, fifth or sixth in voters' priorities, as the prism through which these matters are reflected. Only by setting up a parliament in Edinburgh, the party argues, can Scots have con-

since Sconish politics is a competitive market. The party has managed to squeeze the Liberal Democrats (at least outside their Highland and Borders strongholds) who have been offering a similar pro-devolutionist message. But Labour faces a challenge from the Scottish nationalists among younger working class people. That is matched by the circulation war between the pro-Labour Daily Record and the stri-

trol over these decisions.

But Labour has to deliver

though only in its Scottish edition).

An outright Tory victory (admittedly now a diminishing possibility) would increase pressure for more direct protest, initially based on the constitutional convention. And some Labour supporters could join the SNP Even in power Labour would have to resolve the constitutional question quickly or face a renewed challenge from the SNP and the Liberal Democrais, and possibly also the Tories if they can work out a

coherent strategy. Labour's continued success in Scotland is one of the main reasons why the party nationally held together after 1983. Scottish respectability has travelled South. In govern-ment also, the Scottish influence could be central to the

Labour focuses on rising poverty

Confident Kinnock trains his fire on homelessness

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

NEIL Kinnock last night called on the British people to vote for a government that would pull the country together and stop the Conservatives pulling it apart.

In an impassioned speech to 10,000 party supporters gathered in the Sheffield Arena, Mr Kinnock claimed that 13 years of Toryrule had led to greater poverty, more ployment and a two-tier system of health and education.

Amid the razzmatazz of pop videos, laser beams, pipe bands and live appearances from pop artists and opera singers. Mr Kinnock introduced a more sober element. Labour would govern as it had campaigned, he said. "strongly, positively and look-ing to the future." The Tories in contrast were a spent force with no vitality and rapidly losing their integrity, he

Earlier Mr Kinnock had been shown on video arriving in his helicopter in Sheffield and driving to the Arena for

PADDY Ashdown offered

voters last night a "citizen's Britain", self-confident and

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At a rally in Cheltenham he

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an event billed as the biggest political rally in Britain since the second world war. In 13 years the Tories had

shrunk the economy, lowered investment, brought mass unemployment and taken Britain to the bottom of the league of industrial countries, Mr Kinnock alleged. "Now is the time for the country to pull together for pensioners, for youngsters." Now was the time to fight the cost and waste of unemployment and to make the country safe, clean and more secure. "Now is the time to make our country stronger and more suc-cessful. Now is the time for

Labour."
Confident that he would be in No 10 by the end of next week, Mr Kinnock devoted

large sections of his speech to education and introduced homelessness. He pointed out that over the Tory years the poorest ten per cent had seen their annual disposable income fall by six per cent.

children, parents or teachers. Mr Kinnock then turned Liberal Democrat campaign Ashdown offers citizen power By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent like, but we'll argue our case and let the people choose. Put our policies under scrutiny and compare them with your own, but we'll let the people judge which is best." Mr Ashdown also appealed to the millions of still unde-

soap'."
Mr Kinnock was joined at

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increased its disposable in come by 72 per cent. He accused the Tories of being afraid to face up to this fact because of their guilt rather than their failure. "One of the most inhuman features of this government is that they feel no sense of failure even when all of the shabby evidence is all around them. The Labour leader, buoyed

by Tuesday night's polls, rounded on the Conservatives' plans for education which, he said, would result in 25,000 schools opting out of local authority control. 25,000 schools with no coframework for sharing costs. sharing expertise, providing training and support to raise standards. It will be an education bazaar", he said, "It does not occur to those Tories that if shattering the system into 25,000 fragments was such a good idea then why was it not done in other countries." He went on to claim thatthe Tories had a genius for destructive experimentation with little regard for

his attack on John Major's vision of a classless society. He reminded the party faithful of the government's social security policies which had left 16- and 17-year-olds des-titute, and of a health system where one had to buy one's way off waiting lists. Under the Tories crime rates had doubled, repossessions had shot up, classrooms had become overcrowded and many more people had become unemployed. "All the claims of classlessness, all the pious protestations - the promises have been empty, glib, sooth-ing, slippery — what my mother used to call 'soft

the Arena by his wife

Shares fall, page 1 Diary, page 16 Leading article country "where every citizen



Plethora of premiers: photographers donned John Major masks as the prime minister arrived at Thornbury, near Bath. on April 1

Tories sharpen attack in face of poll slump

Major woos the floating voter

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major last night appealed to Britain's floating voters to join the Conservatives in building a "classless Britain in which everyone has their fair share".

With the Conservatives struggling on the eve of the final week of campaigning to avoid a slide in the polls, the prime minister used a rally at Shepton Mallet in the West Country to set out the vision of his "open-door society" and to insist that Labour could not be trusted to run the country and would wreck the prospects of recovery. He also sought to counter the "time for a change" argument by reminding voters that his was "the new generation in the

Conservative party, the youngest cabinet this century". Constantly repeating the call to "come and join us" Mr Major held out as his aims a of the scourge of inflation, a "levelled up" society offering freedom of opportunity and a has the freedom to keep the wealth they have built from a lifetime's work".
He said that socialism al-

ways took freedom away, and that Labour had not changed. "Let no one think for a moment that socialism has lost its ambition to change people's lives. They still want people to pay up for the privilege of being told what to do. That is the badge of socialism."
He recalled how Labour

had opposed Tory efforts to change Britain for the better, including the 8p off income tax, the right to buy council houses, the privatisation of state industries, and the introduction of trade union reforms. The Tories, he said, believed in personal ownership in a way that no other party did.

"Let no one out there who gained in the 1980s ever forget it. Four million new home owners, four and a half million young people with per-sonal pensions, six million shareholders in the state companies we sold to the people. I warn each of you. Stop, listen and think. Look at your children and ask yourself this. Dare you trust your home. your pension, your savings, your shares, your future to the very Labour people who fought to stop you having

Against the background of tumbling markets, the prime minister said that "a Labour government would stop in its tracks the one thing for which He attacked John Smith, the shadow chancellor as a "shallow chancellor", for dismissing the Tory inflation targets

as unnecessary virtue.

Mr Major insisted that the government's health service reforms were "really working", with a million more inpatient cases and two million more out-patient cases a year than under Labour. Criticis-ing Labour for being "ready even to exploit and distort the

case of one sick child in order to blacken the image of one great service". Mr Major promised that any govern-ment he led would make the NHS "ever better, ever stronger, ever more able to tackle the huge challenges of mod-ern health care".

On defence, said Mr Major, Labour could not be trusted with power because they did not know what their attitude on the fourth Trident submarine would be. If they had been in charge for the Gulf war. British troops would still be sitting in the desert waiting for sanctions to drive out Saddam Hussein.

On Europe, he took a scep-tical line, insisting on the Conservatives' readiness to defend Britain's interests. At Maastricht, he said, Labour would not have spoken for Britain, they would have bro-

"There are just three words in Labour's vocabulary for Europe: oui, si, jawohl. Well. let me offer you a fourth, absolutely vital word to defend Britain's interest - no. Can anyone imagine Mr Kinnock saying anything so

QUOTES

 Unless people vote directly for the Conservative candidate they will end up with a Labour

government ? — John Major on voting for the Liberal Democrats

• The Tories are going down, Labour is stuck and the Liberal Democrats are on the surge ? Paddy Ashdown

Apart from a slight cough, it is damn near perfect ? Neil Kinnock on the state of his health

Sounds just like her too, can't shut the thing up ?

— Anthony Beaumont-Dark Tory fighting to hold his Birmingham seat, to woman with a budgie called Maggie

Labour sowing seeds of its own destruction

paign without straying one It is at times of retreat that an army's strengths can best be obinch from the party's agenda. served. It is in moments of trispeech was to tempt wavering umphalism that we first see the Tories into the Liberal Demoseeds of its downfall. It was when crat camp. He also sought to Margaret Thatcher employed a train-bearer to carry her gown that we knew her day was done. It was in yesterday by insisting that a the slick, sick, cynical image-manipulation of Labour's spectacular crats would not merely help at Sheffield last night that we first sensed the contempt into which they too must come.

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Your vote is not a protest "Any dream will do," sang the vote," he said. "A vote for the children, as Neil Kinnock played Liberal Democrats is a princiking of the kids in a Leeds school pled positive vote which is why we are gaining ground as each day goes by. "Your vote is not a back door vote for yesterday. He was preparing for the Sheffield Arena. He took their song to heart. Any dream would do. Something about the very instruc-Labour or the Tories. A vote tions printed for backstage opera-tors last night chilled the soul. It was for the Liberal Democrats in

Rally". 17.30: Doors open; party bus. cies up and down the country band, etc, arrive. Street entertainers is a winning vote." will be working the audience outside. "We will not look back to The days when candidates would the mistakes of the past. We have worked the audience themwill look forward to opportuselves, treading the streets in pernities of the future," he said. son, are gone. The candidates were

"So I have this message for in helicopters. Mr Major and Mr Kinnock. 18.00: Dave Blunkett does welcome. DB to Royal Box. "Will Mr nards". Now of the Democratic You can attack the Liberal



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Blunkett sing?" asked a reporter, "And is it true his guide dog's gone sick? Will he sing 'How Much Is That Doggy In the Window?" Regional contingents with banners & bands. 18.42: Neil Kinnock arrival in helicopter shown on video screen.

After speeches by Roy Hattersley and John Smith came the "first en-dorsement, 2 mins". "That's Rick Hucknall of Simply Red," said the aide. "No. he won't actually be there. He's in Marseilles working on his next LP. He'll be signing his postal vote and singing Something's Got Me Started and this will be intertwined with his message. The message will say (and she began to dictate): 'On April 9 I'll be voting Labour... (she paused for us to take this down). It's time for a govern-

ment that invests in skills... And we were promised "Sarah Jane Morris, ex-of the Commu-

Socialards, I expect. This item was to appear in the "Top-Slot, 15 mins" preceding the "second endorsement" after which came "Opera-Slot, 15 mins", except that it wasn't opera, but a lady singing Summertime. Normally, as John Cole observed. "You know it's over when the fat lady sings," but this was a thin lady and it was far from over for next came "20.05: NK speech". This was printed in advance. It was entirely devoid of content. "20.35: NK

finishes; 20.40: Jerusalem; 20.45: fi-

nale, NK & Shad Cab leave. 20.55: All out, 'Goodbye' music. I spoke to a press photographer who has been following the Kinnock campaign. Photographers are normally mute and I have no reason to think this one was a Tory: his frustration was professional. "The manipulation has been crushingly successful." he said. "This has all

been done for television: it goes

stincts to show the props holding things up and all the minders marshalling the crowds.

"All we're shown is Kinnock with smiling kids, Kinnock in hospitals happy faces, young children ... the image control has been total. The TV bosses need a few minutes of Kinnock every day to balance their few minutes of Major and if all he gives them is sanitised pap, that's all they can use. That's all anyone sees."

s an ideal matures into a cru-A sade and a crusade translates into a government, there comes a point when, throttled by the very apparatus set up to project it, the ideal begins to choke. This point has come early with Labour. Last night in Sheffield, image throttled intellect and a quiet voice in every reporter present whispered that there was something disgusting about the occasion. Those voices will grow. Peter Mandelson has created this Labour party and, on last night's showing, Peter Mandelson will destroy it.

"We will govern," Neil Kinnock said, opening his speech, "as we have campaigned." Oh I do hope

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Prescription fees

Cook promises to reverse increase

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR promised yesterday to reverse the latest 10 per cent increase in prescription charges if it is elected next Thursday. In a move to bring health back to the centre of the election debate, Robin Cook, the shadow health secretary, said Labour would freeze charges to give an immediate benefit to patients who could not afford the increase, which came into effect

Labour would cut the cost of being sick. Mr Cook said. The expenditure involved put by Labour sources at £30 million — will be met from the £1 billion extra spending on health announced in John Smith's shadow budget.

Labour's decision to raise health again so quickly after the furore over the Jennifer Bennett broadcast was seen as a sign of the party's confidence that it can only gain from the issue. Strategists agreed that Labour suffered some slight short-term damage because of the dispute over the naming of Jennifer, but they were asserting pri-vately as early as last Friday that their private polls were beginning to "rocket".

Mr Kinnock and his campaign leaders were in buoyant form at yesterday's daily press conference. Normally long opening statements, of-

ten used as a ruse to cut down on awkward questioning. were shortened as Mr Kinnock and Jack Cunningham, his campaign chief, invited interrogation.

Mr Cook, not usually regarded as a comedian, produced a helly-laugh when one reporter asked whether he would resign if in government Labour was forced to put up health charges again. "The polls may be good," he said, "but I think it's a bit premature to ask me when I

am going to resign."

When another asked Mr
Kinnock about his fitness to
govern, he replied: "Apart
from a slight cough, it's damn

Mr Kinnock even had a kindly word about the Liberal Democrats. "I do not resent the fact that they are picking up. But before the myth starts running, a little bit of arith-metical perspective would be in order so that nobody runs away with the idea that somehow our standing has noth-ing to do with us and is merely attributable to the efforts of the good Captain

Mr Cook repeated Labour's commitment to restore the free eye test and free dental check. "The Conservatives are creating a pay-as-you-go national health service in

which the sick pay for the treatment they need. Labour wants a health service for which we pay while we are in work so that we can get the treatment we need when we

He said the new rise in prescription charges, from £3.40 to £3.75, announced by the government in the last session of Parliament, was twice the rate of inflation; he added that in government the Tories had raised the charge 14 times and that at the present rate of increase a fourth Tory term of office would see the charges hit £11.90 by 1997.

Mr Kinnock said that the

charges had risen by 1,775 per cent under the Tories. "In many cases they are now greater than the cost of the medicine being prescribed."

More people were being deterred from getting prescriptions and he complained that eight million people had stopped having eye tests since charges were introduced three years ago. The government was putting cash before care and he repeated that the Conservatives wanted to pri-

vatise the health service. Mr Cook said free eye tests for those over 40 would be restored in year one, and free dental checks would be re-



NHS plea: Harriet Harman, health spokeswoman, with Neil Kinnock yesterday

Charge policy marks fall of a political ideal

Jeremy Laurence detects the forces of economic realism behind Labour's shift from a promise of free medicines for all

DURING the 1987 election campaign Labour promised to abolish prescription charges. Yesterday's pledge by Robin Cook only to freeze the charges at their pre-April I level of £3.40 suggests the triumph of economic realism over political idealism.

Mr Cook, shadow health secretary, would not commit himself to maintaining the freeze for the lifetime of the next parliament. He said only that the charges were too high "and I for one do not vant to see them higher".

Yesterday's 35p rise was the fourteenth under the present government and took the charge to nearly 19 times its 1979 level of 20p. The new charge is still less than half the average cost of a single prescription item to the health service, but in 1979 it was less than one tenth.

Only one in six presciptions is paid for, compared with one in three in the 1970s. The rest are dispensed to people who are exempt from pay-ment, mainly children, the elderly and those receiving income support, who are the largest consumers of medicines. For that reason the charges are expected to taise only £240 million towards a total drug bill this year of more than £2 billion.

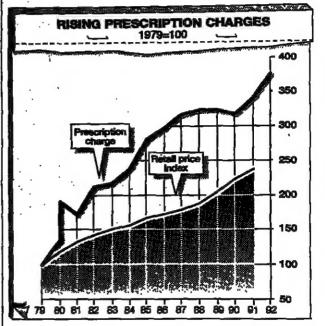
Health service spending on drugs has risen by half in real terms since 1978-9 to nearly E44 a head. The number of prescription items per person has grown from 7 in 1980 to 8.4 in 1990, but 96 per cent

of the increase is accounted for by new drugs for the elderly. The rise in the proportion of prescriptions that are exempt from charges reflects that development and is not the result of government

The proportion of the health service drug bill recovered from prescription charges has grown from 3.5 to 7.7 per cent over the same period.

The Conservatives defend the charges on the grounds that "those who can afford to do so should make a small contribution to the increasing spending on the NHS". Labour appears to have accepted that argument. Abolishing charges would cost £240 mil-lion to alleviate a problem affecting only a small propor-tion — the "nearly poor" of the one sixth of prescription recipients who pay charges. In addition, aboli-tion might increase demand for prescriptions, pushing up the health service drug

It is almost 40 years since prescription charges were introduced, by a Labour government, in June 1952. The step provoked the resigna-tions of Nye Bevan, architect of the health service, and Harold Wilson, future prime minister. Not until 1965 did Labour, under Wilson, succeed in abolishing them again. It has taken the party another quarter of a century to admit that they are here to



Tories step up attack on defence

JOHN Major accused Nell Kinnock of being "a unilateralist at heart" yesterday as the Tories continued their belated effort to turn the campaign spotlight on

Mr Major said that the Labour leader would "cut our defences to the bone" and put the nation's security at risk in an uncertain world facing the threat of nuclear prolifera-tion. The prime minister de-nied that he was calling into question the Labour leader's patriotism. He claimed that competence and the determination to take the decisions necessary to keep defences strong were at stake.

Mr Major suggested that Mr Kinnock's post-1987 conversion to keeping Trident as long as other countries retained nuclear weapons was only skin deep.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary and Tom King, the defence secretary, joined the attack. Mr Hurd accused Mr Kinnock of "making policy on the mike" and stirring up the Falklands and Argentina in a British Forces Broadcasting Service phone-in, in which he indicated a willingness to negotiate on the dependency's future if the islanders wished.

Mr King highlighted what he claimed was the threat posed to jobs and the defence industry by an incoming Labour government. The government was investing £6.5 billion in new military equip-ment such as Challenger II tanks and Type 23 frigates. he said.

Mr King accused the Liberal Democrats of hypocrisy over defence. The party wanted a defence review and a freeze on new equipment contracts, but not in Paddy Ashdown's Yeovil constituency, where the Medin antisubmarine helicopter was to be made.

Fox hunt pledge 'broken'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

NEIL Kinnock was accused yesterday of breaking Labour's manifesto pledge of a free Commons vote on the future of fox hunting by vowing to ban the sport.

Mr Kinnock said during

a radio phone-in pro-gramme that it would be a Labour government's poli-cy to ban fox hunting. He was backed by Ron Davies. was backed by Ron Davies, the party's rural affairs spokesman, who said: "We will introduce legislation which will ban hunting of all live quarry."

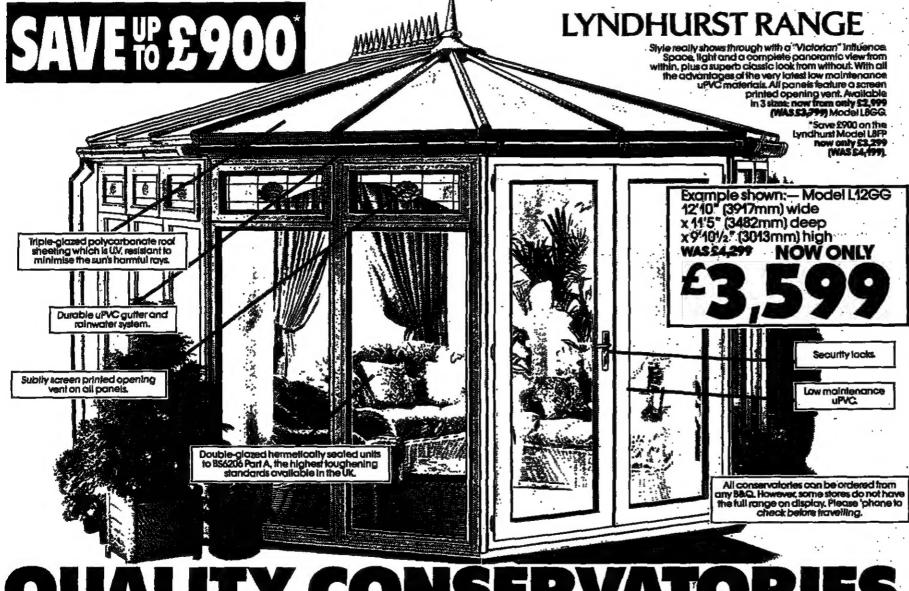
Angela Rumbold, Home

Office minister, said: "We have always believed that such an issue should be de-cided in parliament by individual members. I under-stand Mr Kinnock has hardened his view, which possibly shows another in-stance of the Labour party being unable to hold to its manifesto pledges." Labour later said that Mr

Kinnock could make such a firm commitment in the knowledge that no Labour MP would oppose a ban. In February, when a private member's bill outlawing for hunting and provide dehunting was narrowly de-feated in the Commons, no Labour MP voted against

Labour believes that its opposition to hunting could be a vote winner in some marginal constituencies. Pro-hunt campaigners say the Tories could benefit from the threat of a ban, which they say would jeopardise rural jobs. Labour and the Liberal

Democrats said that they would phase out battery cage egg production after agreement was reached with other European com-tries. David Maclean, the food minister, said that the Tories would press for better battery farm condition





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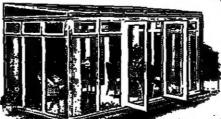
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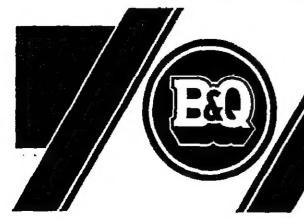


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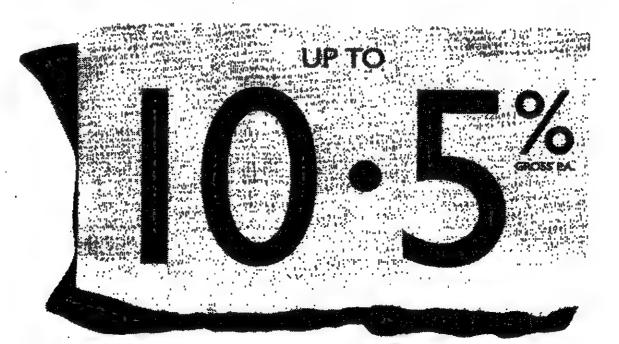
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Constituency profiles: Times reporters test the waters in the marginals in the wake of Wobbly Wednesday

Looking into the abyss with Patten and Mellor

OXFORD WEST AND ABMIGDON 1987 Result: J H C Patten (C) 25,171 (46.4%); C M P Huhne (SDP/All) 20,293 (37.4%); J G Power (Lab) 8.108 (14.9%); D Smith (Gru) 695 (1.3%). Conservative majority: 4,878 (9.0%).

ously, he has a powerful swing back towards "let's go

for a drink" mode, and goes

into auto-pilot on his favour-

ite subject: "I am here today

to spread the Conservative

message in Oxford ... There are two ways in this election

that the country can get a Labour government. One is

for people to vote Labour. The

other is to vote Liberal Demo-

crat ... As people stare into

the abyss and see what the reality of a Kinnock govern-

ment is, they'll retreat ... No

one tells me on the doorstep that they think Kinnock is a

great leader, or the saviour of the country ... What has been very clear throughout

the campaign is that it is, and has been, very close."

close. Surely he can't be referring to the polls and Labour's

fat lead? You'd like to ask what exactly is close, but fear

that he might ask you to step outside again, and you've got other things to do, like go

canvassing with Mr Patten.

Had Mr Patten's runnerup in 1987 been a Labour

rather than an Alliance can-

didate, then his 4,878 major-

ity in Oxford West and

Abingdon might also have

been turned into a perspiring dream by now. But his per-sonal psephologist — Timo-thy Harnes, a politics don at

Pembroke College — says that "the fact that the election falls

during the university vaca-tion could be worth 2,000 votes to John Patten."

Those two factors could, it

anything, widen Mr Patten's

lead against his closest rival

days.

"DON'T do it! Don't jump!"
you shout, almost involuntarily, when you spot two Tory bigwigs perched on a bridge on the very morning that newspaper polis put Labour so far ahead that both their

seats look doddery.

Of course, John Patten and
David Mellor might have been loitering on Magdalen Bridge in Oxford for quite different reasons. Perhaps they were rehearsing a scene from the new Inspector Morse series, The Strange Death of Tory England, which is on hold until next Thursday. Then again, it is easy to misread what both Mr Patten and Mr Mellor are

thinking.
At a distance, Mr Mellor looks as though he would respond to any comment you might make, however inno-cent, by barking: "Do you want to step outside and say that?" But in conversation, he is genial and often looks as if he is just about to suggest we all go for a little drink, al-though he is rather prone to strong Mori-scale swings when polled with the wrong question. From afar, Mr Paten often looks as if he has just been handed news of a family bereavement. Yet he, too, is jolly company once he gets chatting to his campaign workers and constituents in

Oxford West and Abingdon. Suggest to Mr Mellor that. after the latest opinion polls, his 6.907 majority in Putney. southwest London, could easily evaporate, and he registers a 12-point swing towards "do you want to step outside and say that?" mode. "Look. Labour are putting all their energy into Tooting and Batter-sea. What does that tell you? he asks. That they think you're safe? "Well done"

Then, just as he is about put a gold star in your notebook, you ask why he trusts Labelectoral prospects, but on almost nothing else, and he swipes the star back, and says: "You're a very cynical

Pledge to scrap tests in Scotland

Labour yesterday promised to scrap next month's national curriculum tests for seven and 11 year-olds in Scotland, although the party is com-mitted to retaining them in England and Wales (John O'Leary writes).
Tony Worthington.

Tony Worthington, Labour's Scottish education spokesman, gave the commit-ment as 60,000 parents of children due to sit this year's tests voted overwhelmingly

against compulsory testing.

At a Glasgow press conference to announce the results.

Labour, the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party agreed to abandon compulsory nat-

Schools attack Labour and Liberal Demo

crat plans to scrap the assisted places scheme for private schools were spiteful. Mal-colm Rifkind, transport secredefending a 3.745 majority in Edinburgh Pendands, said: "Many parents are struggling to meet the costs of their children's schooling. Labour's double blow of higher tax and higher fees could be the final straw for many."

Treaty rebuttal

The Anti-Federalist League, which is fielding 20 candidates, including eight in London, says in its manifesto that Britain should refuse to ratify the Maastricht Treaty; should abandon membership of the exchange rate mechanism; renegotiate the common agriculture and fisheries policies and refuse to allow European commission directives to overrule British

Concert party George Harrison, the former Beatle, is to play his first big concert in Britain since the group broke up to promote the Natural Law Party which supports a lifestyle with which The Beatles flirted in



Out of the mouths: John Patten, Home Office minister, in Botley, near Oxford, taking a crisp from Hannah Cox, aged two

Little things mean a lot when every vote counts

By Alan Hamilton

LITTLE things mean a lot when you are defending a slim majority, such as Labour's 336 in Norwich South. For a start, 1,600 people, most of them likely to be Labour supporters, have disappeared from the electoral register to avoid paying the al register to avoid paying the poll tax. The difference could be crucial for the ambitions of

John Garrett.
Mr Garrett, aged 60, is, perhaps, an unlikely Labour MP: an Oxford-educated as Labour and the Liberal Democrats fight for second place. On being reassured by hearing all this. Mr Patten management consultant, au-thor of books on public ad-ministration, and one-time RAF flight lieutenant who believes in proportional repswings out of "bereavement" mode, and heads off to Elms Parade, a shopping centre in nearby Botley, almost gleefu that Labour and their candiresentation. He won the seat date, Bruce Kent, are doing in 1974, lost it to the Tories in 1983, but snatched it back so well, but not that well, in his backyard. "I think Bruce Kent has been taking the last time thanks largely to an intensive effort on the day which resulted in a turn-out pills," he says. "He has become a committed Kinnock

of more than 80 per cent.
He is also Labour's campaign co-ordinator for eastern and southern England, a man. He talks more about the Trinity than Trident these swathe of 176 constituencies Mr Patten has an easy patin which, London excepted, his party holds only three seats. That job has gone into abeyance while he fights for his political future. "When I first took on that task I decided with heil to emphasise ter of on-the-stump speak: "How's business? ... How's "How's business? ... How's
the family? ... Best regards to
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haven't see you for a long
time." It's a friendly repertoire, suitable for those you
know and for those you don't ed with Neil to emphasise affordable housing, transport and green issues. Now we have the recession in the recognise, but who seem to South, and the emphasis is on

Just one hiccup, when he asks a man for his support. unemployment, repossession and debt." "I'm sure you won't take this personally, Mr Patten," the man replies. "But I don't Recession has hit Norwich hard. The city has lost two shoe factories, a large dairy, and in recent weeks a big discuss politics in the street." If only David Mellor hadn't local engineering firm has announced 170 redundanscooted off to Swindon, we could all have gone for a little cies. Ten years ago Norwich

result: J L Garrett (Lab) (below) 19,666 (237.9%); J A Powley (C) 19,330 (37.3%); C J M Hardie (SDP/All) 12.896 (24.9%). Labour majority: 336 (0.6%).



Union, the major white-collar employer, would offer a job to every school-leaver with two GCSEs. Now even it is laying people off.

On the doorsteps, Mr Gar-rett finds the key issues are poll tax, the health service and unemployment, all symp-toms of disillusion with the Tories. "A lot of former Conservative voters are saying they cannot bear to vote for me, so they won't vote at all. The other unknown factor is the Liberal Democrat vote. Their campaign here is very low key. They are putting all their effort into the rural Norfolk seats."

Tory workers agree that the Liberal Democrat vote is the rogue factor. Their canvassers report a "doubtful" pro-portion as high as 20 per cent, and they assume that most of those in have been Alliance voters in 1987. David Baxter, aged 37, an

equally unlikely Tory candidate, having been raised in a Glasgow council tenement, reports the main concern on the doorsteps to be the economy. Mr Baxter, a senior BT manager, also detects a wide-spread fear about the future integrity of the United King-dom, engendered by talk of devolution and of progress

towards a federal Europe.

A curiosity of this highly marginal constituency is that only one of its 11 municipal wards is Tory, returning the three Tory counciliors on the Labour city council. Mr Gar-rett has an explanation: "Until recently, people liked the competence and good record of their Labour councils, but did not feel themselves able to vote in a Labour government That has changed; John Smith and Gordon Brown now look far more trustwor-

thy than Norman Lamont and Peter Lilley." Norwich South may well be won or lost on the campus of the University of East Anglia, a previously reliable cell of intellectual socialism. Unfortunately, the students are on Easter vacation. Mr Garrett has mounted an intensive campaign to get them to register their postal votes, while Mr Baxter claims to have signed up 100 converts to his cause during freshers' week.

Besides the three main parties, the Greens and the Naturai Law Party are contesting Norwich South. The received wisdom is that the Natural Law candidate will merely split the Green vote, but in such a finely balanced electorate fate may yet lie in the hand of the Maharishi and his impenetrable manifesto.

Maverick Marlow out on the march

TO CALL Tony Marlow a maverick is to be too polite. Even his supporters know that "Better the devil you know," should one such from his doorstep as the can-didate set off at his typical cracking pace and knocked on yet another door. Poets Corner, an area of his

Northampton North constituency, with its terraced peb-ble-dash houses, is not where he expects to find the stron-gest Tory support. But it does give him a chance to air some of his views. And Mr Marlow has plenty of them. He is critical of the national

campaign - "too much concentration on the NHS which is not our strong point" and resigned to canvassing in the afternoons you only see the unemployed, the elderly and lactating mothers. His 9,256 majority over Labour will be risk if the swing recorded by Mori is repeated on April 9.

He reserves his worst invective for those he calls social-ists. "A Labour government would be government by the public sector unions for the public sector unions, so heav-en help us." he tells anybody who will listen and speaks darkly of the effect of voting Liberal Democrat.

The day's poil had shocked the team of canvassers who realised that such a swing would push the seat into the Labour camp. Some mutter about criticism of the national campaign and of John Major's transformation from Mr Nice to Mr Nasty. As they do, a knock on the door brings out a voter who discloses that Mr Marlow, some1987 result: A R Marlow (C) 24,816 (48.0%); O J Granfield (Lab) 15,560 (30,1%); A S Rounthwalte (L/All) 10,690 (20.7%) M Green (Grn) 471 (0.9%); S Colling (WRP) 156 (0.3%). Conservative majority: ,256 (17.9%).



times called the Denis Skinner of the Tory party, can play Mr Nice too. He had helped with the adoption of her Ro-

manian son.

Mr Marlow is, given his views on immigration, a little embarrassed at being found out, but resorts skilfully to self-parody. "I am supposed to be further right on immi-gration than Enoch Powell. But, as I told the Pakistani community the other day. I will do anything I can within the law to help them. Of course, I also told them I'd rather their sons married girls from here rather than bring them over." No doubt he did. Immigration is, he says, one of the invisible topics of the election.

As he raced from door to door support among the old, the jobless and breast-feeding mothers appeared to be holding. He is predicting a reduced majority, but nothing

Charmer spreads the green gospel

WINCHESTER 1987 result: J E D Browne
(C) 32,195 (52,3%); J L
MacDonald (SDP/All) 24,716 (40.2%); F C Inglis (Lab) 4.028 (6.5%); Ms J P Walker (Gm) 565 (0.9%). Conservative majority: 7,479 (12.2%).

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY

ARMED with terrifying charm and a tactical voting wheeze. Jonathon Porritt has set out to put the environment back into the election.

Not many people could hike up the crunchy gravel drives of Winchester's affluent Tories, suggest they switch their voting allegiance and still be chatting five minutes later. But Mr Porritt is not only Britain's best known environmentalist, he is also a toff (Eton, etc) and a telegenic one at that.

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A Winchester chatelaine who opens the door to him does not see a crazed green anarchist. The boyish smile switches on, and the porch seems floodlit with well bred reasonableness. Suddenly reasonableness. Suggenty somebody who has never even dreamt of voting Liberal Democrat..."but — by golly, you're right, you know..."

Never has total telegenic toffness been put to such shameless use as this week when Mr Porritt sought to persuade neotle who in nor-

persuade people who in normal circumstances would elect a koala bear if it sported a blue rosette that they should switch votes because of the destruction of Twyford

Down, on Winchester's out-skirs, by the M3 motorway.

Mr Porritt is taking advan-tage of the split in the Win-chester Tory vote between Gerry Malone, the official Conservative candidate, and John Browne, the deselected Tory MP, who is standing

The Twyford Down Associ-ation, of which Mr Porritt is vice president, has seized the opportunity to press its claim that the motorway should go in a tunnel under the down-land rather than in a cutting through it, and has urged its supporters to back the Lib Dems' Tony Barron as the man with the best chance of

trouncing the Tories.

Only once did the green charm threaten to run aground. On an ivy-clad doorstep Mr Porritt let slip that the Twyford Down tactical voting campaign was, in the Southampton itchen constituency, backing the Labour party. The words hung in the air. A Winchester chatelaine gazed, uncomprehending. The *Labour* party?" "Ah," Mr Portitt sald in a

tone that implied "I know, I know. But in wartime we have to resort to the most terrible expedients" ... "Ah. But that's tactical voting." The boyish smile beamed its



Porritt: winning with a

Mr Rent-a-quote unruffled by mere opinion polls



BY BILL FROST

ANTHONY Beaumont-Dark the Tory candidate for Selly Oak in Birmingham, yesterday displayed the sang froid of a man sitting on a guaranteed majority as he relaxed in the saloon bar over a pint of lager and a plate of place and chips. Yet Wobbly Wednesday should have left him trembling like a jelly as the seat he held at the last general

election with a majority of 2.584, reduced from 5,396 in 1983, is among the 30 most marginal. While others about him in constituencies with slim Tory majorities last time around lost their heads and reached for the worry beads.

Mr Beaumont-Dark dismissed the latest slice of bad news from the polisters.
"On the strength of Labour's current lead I should be preparing to join the great unemployed. Butin reality I'm finding more support on the doorstep now than I did in '87," he pro-

claimed confidently.
With what the spin doctors at central office would have condemned as heresy

BIRMINGHAM SELVIORS 1987 Result: A M Beaumont-Dark (C) 23,305 (44.2%); A Bore (Lab) 20,721 (39.3%); Mrs C Cane (L/All) 8,128 (15.4%); Ms M Hackett (Grn) 611 (1.2%). Conservative majority: 2,584 (4.9%).

on the grand scale. Mr Beaumont-Dark casually passed judgment on the good and great of his party. "William Waldegrave, absolutely ghastly. The trouble with brains is they don't breed common sense. He cocked up the Jennifer's ear affair in the most disastrous fashion." he said. Mrs Thatcher fared little

better. "The Tory party is and was bigger than her. She once told me that the poll tax was to be the flagship of her second term. I said why not choose the Titanic instead. After that relations were a bit strained."

Mr Beaumont-Dark's

style on the stump in the Selly Oak constituency is bluff but sometimes disconcerting for those on the receiving end. A wavering pensioner was told bluntly yesterday: "Well you had better vote for me or I'll come back and burn your house down." The candidate

bellowed with laughter while the old lady blinked anxiously. "I'm true blue, I've called my budgie Maggie." said another el-derly woman. "Yes, sounds just like her too, can't shut the thing up," said Mr Beau-mont-Dark as the bird war-

bled on loudly.

The Tory candidate, who was elected to the seat in 1979, played the God card for the first time in Selly Oak. "I was just reading that Kinnock is an atheist," said another old lady on the doorstep. "Yes, I know, and so is his missus. You can't vote for people like that, and him singing Welsh hymns too." Mr Beaumont-Dark said.

Mr Beaumont-Dark said.

The pensioner nodded vigorously, while the smell of food burning in her kitchen grew stronger. "The God card is a strong one, we'll use it again," said Mr Beaumont-Dark to an aide.

Selly Oak was a micro-cosm of Birmingham itself,

said Mr Beaumont-Dark. "We have some of the best of the city and some of the worst." There are streets of fine Victorian and betweenthe-wars mock Tudor mansions decorated with Tory election posters. But then again there are at least as many homes decked out in Labour colours across the constituency too.

A 3 per cent swing would snatch the seat from the To-ries, yet still Mr Beaumont-Dark appears to be as relaxed às a mature matinee idol appearing before his fan club for an autograph signing session. "I'm calm by nature, a typical Libra. I sleep like a

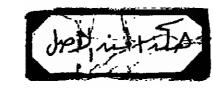
baby after reading a bit of Trollope and have no intention of stepping up the cam-paign before April 9. My view is 'sod it, you're a long time dead, why worry," the man known as "rent-a-quote" said while finishing off his fish and chips.

Like other Tory candidates, particularly those fighting marginal seats, Mr Beaumont-Dark has his reservations about the way the campaign is being handled by central office. "Too many

young men and women long on excitement but short on vision and experience. Michael Heseltine should have been made party chairman - he's got the fire, the charisma and the political balls we need," he said.

Later at an old peoples' home, Mr Beaumont-Dark clasped two nonagenarians to his chest, "Aren't you big," said Dora Barrier aged 92. "I remember him from five years ago," said her sister Winnie, aged 93. They placed a smiling portrait of the Tory candidate over a framed photograph of the Queen Mother on the side-board so all that could be seen was her hat.

My wife would be happy if I lost the seat," confess Mr Beaumont-Dark yester day. "She thinks all politicians are mad because they devote their time to every body else and rarely their own families." He would be a happy winner but a good loser. "However that is not going to happen, we had wobbles before. As the national picture I still have a pathetic belief that common sense will provail common sense will pri ол the day."



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Cunningham: positive tone above dogfights

WITHIN 90 minutes of Tuesday night's poll results. Jack Cunningham had called Labour strategists together. Initial elation was followed by a hard-headed assessment of how Labour could make Neil Kinnock uncatchable.

The party opted for a positive tone that would set Mr Kinnock above the inevitable dogfight between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats. The final two party political broadcasts and all the remaining press conferences would set out Labour policies.

It began yesterday with the re-turn to health and the Sheffield rally. Today Mr Kinnock will de-tay his daily press conference to mid-morning to gain maximum exposure and launch the last week of campaigning with an "it's time

Mr Kinnock wants his team to appear as the government-in-waiting. The more we stay out of any slanging match that develops between the Liberals and the Conservatives, the more it looks as if it is Labour that has the positive policies to tackle Britain's problems, the more likely we are to pick up those undecided voters who may think it is time to give us a chance," a senior Labour source

In the Tory camp there are no outward signs of panic but a grim recognition of the party's predicament. Mr Major, apparently accepting that mistakes have been made in his campaign, vowed yesterday to continue his soapbox style until polling day and added, almost in an aside: "Perhaps we should have started it earlier. I don't know."

Conservatives defended their decision to stage the press conference As the three main parties enter the final week of campaigning, Philip Webster assesses their leaders' strategy, style and stature

marked the start of the latest wave of hospital opt-outs and might have given the party a chance to dent Labour's health advantage. The Conservatives' own health conference last week was taken over by the Jennifergate controver-

"We believe it is right to run defence today. That has always been a part of our strategy. We had a party political on defence last night and this is the obvious time to run it." an official said.

Some Tories believe that Shaun Woodward, director of communications, has been unfairly blamed for key campaign decisions. The decision to highlight defence yesterday, for example, was made

jointly by Mr Major and Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, some time ago. Ministers will make sustained efforts between now and polling day to highlight the dan-gers of voting Liberal Democrat and letting in Labour by the backdoor. But the key campaigning tactic will be to compare the leadership qualities of Mr Major and Mr Kinnock. Posters will go up at

7.000 sites all over Britain show-

ing John Major surrounded by

children with the words: "The Best Future for Britain." Tory campaign chiefs have not given up hope of reversing their dismal poll ratings. Comparisons are being drawn with the 1970

campaign when, at the same

stage, Douglas Hurd had to draw aside Edward Heath and tell him he was 12 points behind. Mr Heath won by 45 seats.

In the last days Mr Major will concentrate on traditional Tory issues: law and order today and a renewed assault on taxation, economic management and the trade

A key question for the Tories is how they exploit Mr Kinnock's low personal popularity rating. They want to drive home the message that he has changed his mind on so much that he cannot be believed now.

The Tories will also seek to exploit Mr Major's advantage as the incumbent prime minister. They will emphasise his stature as an international statesman and, by implication, the limitations and inexperience of his challenger.

One of the frustrations of the

his team has been the failure to set Mr Major apart from Mr Kinnock. As the campaign has progressed, the Labour leader has come to appear more the prime minister and Mr Major, with his soapbox and megaphone, more

the challenger. Edwina Currie, the former health minister, picked that point up yesterday: "John Major in his Barbour is all very well but he looks like the opposition leader and Kinnock is smoothing around in a Daimler."

Some senior Tories are nervous about the assault on the Liberal Democrats. They fear that more "negative campaigning" may rebound on the Tories, luring away potential supporters and giving the impression that the government is thrashing around in a vain quest for votes.

Tories let the tensions show

Parkinson criticism upsets Smith Square

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe

Electoral record

waiting to break

CONSERVATIVE tecticians were divided yesterday about the reasons for the sudden Tory slide in the opinion polls and the opening up of Lab-our's lead. Some accepted the poll evidence that Labour's dominance on health issues and the higher profile given to the national health service over the past week was responsible. Others blamed the wobblers within their own

The agonised reappraisals of tactics last week and the anguished scurryings of the Tory brat pack never assumed the proportions of the famous "wobbly Thursday"

polls is correct one electoral record or another will be

broken on polling day.

Either Labour will sweep to power with the largest

swing for any party since

1945 or the Conservatives

will stage an unprecedented

recovery for any govern-

The Labour lead on Terri-

ble Tuesday averaged 5 to 6

per cent. The Conservatives

therefore need a favourable

swing of 2 to 3 per cent to remain the largest party in a

hung parliament and of al-

most 5 per cent to retain

their overall majority. No

party in office has ap-

proached such an achieve-

ment in an election campaign, let alone in the

In fact John Major took

an enormous risk in calling

the election when the par-

ties were level. Support for

the government normally

falls during the campaign.

The opposition parties re-

ceive a sudden boost of tele-

vision coverage while government politicians find

themselves attacked by two

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The only exception to this

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paign trends) was the 1979

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of Margaret Thatcher's last campaign. Or, if they did, the hungry media has not yet dug up the evidence. Relations between Smith Square and Downing Street are infinitely better this time. Little real blood has yet been spilt.

But the Tories have been damaged, some of their doughtier campaigners believe, because they allowed those tensions to show. They began to look unravelled in the way the Labour hierarchy has done in past campaigns and the public retains a deep prejudice against divided

servative support that

That aside, voters have

swung against the govern-

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Conservative governments since 1959 have enjoyed a

modest swing back to them

in the final ten days of the

campaign, the exception

being February 1974. But the emphasis is on "mod-

est": the average swing has

been well below I per cent.

Could the polls be exagger-

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tive campaigning against Labour has evidently failed.

It is not obvious why the

Conservatives' double-nega-

tive campaigning against the Liberal Democrats as

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Ivor Crewe is professor of

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to 7 per cent by election day.
Even then it was not the
Labour government's support that increased but Con-

The Conservatives nega-

The one crumb of comfort

on the Budget and the cam-paign from Cecil Parkinson, the former party chairman, and the "constructive criticism" doled out to the media

parties.
There is real anger in cen-

by Brendan Bruce and Harvey Thomas, two former party image makers dumped by the Patten/Major regime and with an understandable interest in seeing their successors flop. Omerta it hasn't been. "Cecil should be nailed to the wall," one party adviser said.
In fact, as the prime minis-

ter was quick to point out yesterday, there has been little upward movement in Labour's vote. It is an advance in the Liberal Democrat support that has done the

damage. As Des Wilson, the Liberal Democrats' campaign director, said with a touch of asperity yesterday, all those who were asking about a supposed squeeze a few days ago are now asking them to explain a surge instead. But, whatever the explanation of the movement in the polls, the Conservatives are left with a

At the start of the campaign most Torles (although not those like the party chairman crat breathing down their necks) looked forward to a mild Liberal Democrat revival to split the anti-Conservative vote, as the Alliance had done at the past two general elections. Last autumn every time the Liberal Democrats advanced, Labour fell back. But this time Paddy Ashdown's troops have gained ground at the expense of the Tories. So how do they counter that without indulging in the kind of negative politics that have already helped to get the Liberal Democrats up to 20 per cent

in the polls? Mr Wilson's delight in the prospect yesterday was clear. In effect he was saying, "Go on, hit us again."

But when I put that to the prime minister his response was clear. The Tories see a hung parliament of any kind as a Labour victory and his answer confirmed that they are going for the squeeze.
The choice, he said, was etween a Tory government

led by him and a Labour government led by Neil Kinnock. "Unless people vote directly for a Conservative candidate, they will end up with a Labour government, whether they vote Labour or vote Liberal. There is no soft option."

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Greenest MP is chosen

BY JOHN YOUNG

CONSERVATIVES come top and bottom of a survey which claims to discover the greenest" and least green MP of the last parliament.

The most ecologically minded member was Patrick Cormack, who is seeking to retain the normally safe Conservative seat of Staffordshire south. The least so was Sir Teddy Taylor, defending a similarly large majority in Southend east.

Country Life magazine sent questionnaires to every sitting MP seeking his or her view on the countryside, agriculture, the environment, planning and the arts.

In the results published this week. Mr Cormack scored well on planning issues, such as his opposition to new roads, new settlements in the countryside and more highrise building in cities.

In contrast, Sir Teddy opsions from fossil fuel burning. a requirement that electricity companies should make greater use of renewable resources, and the establishment of a new environmental protection agency.

MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

Sex smears that would end in tears

One former Tory MP, exposed by The Sun. has already resigned from this election after admitting to an act of indecency - but at least four famous candidates will be deeply relieved next Friday if they survive the campaign without being exposed in a sex scandal.

Although there are dos-siers on all four in editors' offices, and each is aware their names could be splashed across the front pages, sex smears have not so far featured on the Fleet Street agenda, but the temptation to play dirty may in-crease if Labour retains its present widening lead in the polls. A letter to The Times yesterday revealed that the itch to investigate politi-

is sometimes prompted by a proprietor rather than an editor. One reason for the absence of scandals may be the balance of terror in Fleet Street. If The Sun was to launch a sex smear against a prominent Labour candidate, the Daily Mirror has the ability to respond instantly with a similar smear

against a prominent Tory. It is more likely editors realise a quick front page thrill will mean a life sentence — a bill for a statutory law of privacy. As Lord Mc-Gregor of Durris, Press Complaints Commission chairman, has said, newspapers are on probation. Over the past 15 months.

tary disquiet about newspaper standards that led three years ago to demands for a law of privacy and a statutory right of reply.
But "salacious larding" of reporting with irrelevant commentaries on the private lives of public figures could destroy that newly-found confidence in self-regulation, he has told the Newspaper Publishers Association and the Newspaper Society.

A fter that warning the Times letter from Sir Richard Storey, a former member of the Press Council and president of the Newspaper Society, writing in a personal capacity, was all the more surprising in insisting it was an editor's duty to seek Major or Neil Kinnock. the commission has alleviat-

cians' sex lives still exists and ed the universal parliamen- and publish whether a candidate was, for example, a homosexual or a Christian.

There is no doubt where the commission stands on the exposing of homosexuality. Its privacy clause says intrusions and enquiries into an individual's private life are not generally acceptable and publication can be justified only in the public interest.

Members of the commission are discreet but it can be confidently said that they fear that if Sir Richard or any tabloid editor tempted to name those names had their way, the British press would quickly be sentenced to statutory control, whether the winner next week is John

Free with The Times: in the interests of a better turn-out.



This Saturday, there's a 32-page fashion extra, along with the Weekend Times, the Saturday Review and, of course, full election coverage.

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American largesse spurs charges of sell-out to the West



Kozyrev: forced to

AS PRESIDENT Bush prepared to announce his comprehensive aid package for Russia, the potential recipients of America's pre-election largesse were already disputing their response. An acrimonious debate about Russia's foreign policy, after simmering quietly for several weeks, has returned fiercely to the boil and anything more than a polite "thank you" from Moscow could land President Yeltsin and Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister. in deep trouble.

Mr Kozyrev is under siege, and he has felt it necessary to defend himself in two long newspaper articles that have appeared in as many days. The chief complaint is that Russia has no foreign policy.
or if it has, then it is a pale

imitation of the Gorbachev-Shevardnadze line that changed the international climate, but left important issues unsolved.

A further, highly damaging complaint echoes criticism of Mr Gorbachev's policy during his last months in power and accuses Mr Yeltsin and his government of "selling out" to the West. The resurgence of this view, ostensibly in connection with the Russian government's memorandum to the International Monetary Fund, is why any response to President Bush's aid programme is becoming

Even newspapers which have generally supported Mr Yeltsin and his reform policies have started to flirt with

Boris Yeltsin and Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister, are being accused of following the Gorbachev line, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

Rossiyskaya Gazeta have produced well-qualified foreign affairs specialists to argue that Russia's interests do not automatically coincide with those of the United States and that she might do better to assume a more aggressive stance.

Komsomolskaya Gazeta cited the example of China which, its commentator said, had exploited its size and military might to pursue its own domestic and human rights policy - and retained

Komsomolskaya Pravda and its most favoured nation status with America as well. "China consistently shows that it is ready for peaceful and warlike confrontation with the West," he wrote, "and they respect her for that

and what are we doing?" The Rossiyskaya Gazeta commentator gave a warning against believing that, just because the Cold War was over, Russia and the United States had no more differences. Their interests diverged in many ways, he said, predicting continued disagreement about sea-based weapons and about trade, given that one of Russia's few marketable manufactures Implicitly attacked in both

articles and elsewhere is Russia's apparent pusilianimity - wanting to appease every-one, all the time - and the assumption that America, as the leading nation of the Western world, is the standard to which Russia ought to aspire. Russia must have its own policies, the argument runs, tailored to Russian conditions: its own type of market economy and its own foreign policy tailored to the new conditions. Mr Kozyrev's failure and, by implication, that of Mr Yehsin, is that they have failed to shape such Rus-

Yesterday, in Nezavisimaya Gazeta, Mr Kozyrev rejected all the charges against him. He argued that Russia had a burdensome inheritance from the Soviet regime - including a whole series of borders undefined by treaty, which had to be settled

urgently. He complained that part of his difficulty in fashioning a new foreign policy was the number and nature of the staff he inherited from the old Soviet foreign ministry. More than 60 per cent, he told Nezavisimaya Gazeta yesterday, were either demoralised actively working against Mr Yeltsin's policy.

On Tuesday, in the first big reshuffle since Russia took over, the foreign ministry announced a complete reorgan-

isation of the press and public relations department. A respected foreign affairs commentator from the New Times journal, Galina Sidorova, becomes aide and spokesman for the minister, and the former head of press relations. Vitali Churkin, is appointed ambassador to Chile. Mr Churkin is young to be an ambassador, but Santiago is none the less almost as far from Moscow as it is possible

The apparent priority given so far to relations with the developed West, and especially with the United States, is one aspect of foreign policy currently being debated. The countries and with the former

CIS ministers fall out over nuclear arms

defence ministers were at loggerheads yesterday affer a serious disagreement over the destruction of former Soviet tactical nuclear weapons. The disagreement erupted at the first meeting of defence ministers from Nato, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet re-

publics and the Baltic states. Ukraine refused to continue with the shipment of tactical weapons from its territory to Russia until Moscow agreed to international controls over the destruction of the systems. However, Russia the 11 members of the Com-

RUSSIAN and Ukrainian States (CIS) on nuclear weapons made no mention of international controls.

The meeting's communiship between old enemies. The main talking point how-

Ukraine asks West to destroy weapons

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV similar to that of France and

PRESIDENT Kravchuk of Ukraine says he is willing for all nuclear weapons on Ukrai-nian soil to be destroyed in Western countries, to speed nuclear disarmament in the former Soviet Union.

His offer was made in an interview with The Times and comes as Ukraine looks likely to miss its self-imposed deadline to transfer all 2,500 tactical nuclear weapons in the republic to Russia by July 1.

Mr Kravchuk said the proposal had been prompted by the lack of "firm certainty that the weapons were being stored or dismantled safely in Russia, after a series of reports that Soviet uranium had been offered on sale in western Europe.

Mr Kravchuk said: "If uranium is being sold I'm afraid that a bomb might just as easily be sold. Each weapon has an inventory number on it and I don't want the blame to be shifted to Ukraine. I don't want people to say: 'Look that bomb comes from Ukraine'."

He offered either to destroy the warheads in a special new processing plant to be sited in Ukraine, or to hand them to Western governments or in-ternational organisations for dismantling.

"These weapons can be de-stroyed on the territories of other countries provided that there is corresponding international control. It is not important where the weapons are, but that they are destroyed," the president said. Although geographically the largest state within

Europe, with a population

VOLKER Rühe, who takes

control of Nato's largest

frontline army from today, is

considering splitting Germa-

ny's huge defence ministry.

Herr Rühe, who sees his

new job as defence minister

as a stepping stone to the

foreign ministry and even the

chancellery, wants to make a

name for himself by bringing

the unwieldy and increasing-

ly obsolete ministry under

much tighter control. Built in

the grounds of an old military

camp on the edge of Bonn.

the ministry's skyscraper on

the Hardthöhe is the head-

quarters for 5,000 civil ser-

vants. At the height of the

Cold War, they were needed

to administer a largely con-

script army of close on half a

The cumbersome structure

of the ministry contributed to

the fall of Gerhard Stolt-

enberg, who resigned as min-

ister in disgrace on Tuesday

because he had failed to en-

que was about a new partnerever was the lack of co-operation between Russia and Ukraine. Sitting in rooms in Nato's executive offices, the Ukrainian and Russian defence ministers continued to argue their case.

Colonel-General Pavel Grachev, Russia's first deputy defence minister, accused Ukraine of breaking its agreement to ship all tactical nuclear weapons to Russia by July 1. Ukraine suspended

tchik backwater as many in the Russian media and gov-

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leaders yesterday of turning the fleet into an "independent

state" as the verbal battle for

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Colonel-General Morozov

an extensive industrial base, Ukraine is poor, barely four months old and needs to prove that it can govern itself. Ukraine's hope for the future lies in trade with Europe and being accepted mained in Ukraine. as a reliable European state rather than a Soviet appara-

chuk emphasised that galarms shipment at the port to Russia would cease.

Naval battle: Ukraine accused the Black Sea fleet's

Jūri Luik, head of the politthorities," he said.

retary, said he was concerned to see that any future ship-ments would be controlled and promised to talk to the Estonian authorities. "The risk of terrorism is very real and the secure control of weapons is very important."

that German forces may serve

outside the Nato region.

There is no hope at present of

mustering the necessary Bun-

destag majority to make this

possible, but the new minister

He wants to see his country

playing a more positive role

worldwide, rather than con-

centrating on the East-West

relations which have tended

to dominate Bonn's foreign

policy under Hans-Dietrich

Genscher, the liberal Free

Democrat who has served as

foreign minister since 1974.

criticised Herr Genscher,

who is 65, for spending too

much of his time in office

"sitting on sofas next to

people like Brezhnev and

Gromyko", and he has im-

pressed Helmut Kohl, the

chancellor, with his argu-

ment that the foreign minis-

try is too important to be

turned into a Free Democrat

Herr Rühe, aged 49, has

remains determined to try.



Man in the News

Warrior searches for worldwide role

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

sure observance of a Bundes-

tag order banning the export

of armoured tanks to Turkey.

Herr Stoltenberg stepped down still protesting his inno-

cence, insisting to the end

that he did not know what

was going on inside his own

As a result of the end of the

Cold War the size of the army

is being slashed to 370,000

and, if Herr Rühe has his

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to serve the cause of peace

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Herr Rühe, a staunch Nato

supporter and Atlanticist, has

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the withdrawals after 57 per cent of the systems had been transported to Russia.

The minister said there was "not a single word" about international controls in the CIS agreement signed on De-cember 21. He said he had assured Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, and other Nato ministers, that the matter would be

However, down the corri-dor, Colonel-General Konstantin Morozov, the Ukrainlan defence minister, insisted that there would be no further withdrawals of tactical weapons to Russia until there was "honest and full implementa-tion" of the CIS agreement. He said it had been quite clear that Ukraine would liquidate" its tectical muclear weapons under international

indicated a possible compro-mise by having other CIS struction. He said he wanted Ukraine to monitor the "disassembling" of the tactical systems to ensure that the warheads were properly re-moved. He refused to say how many tactical warheads re-

Clyde Kull, the Estonian ambassador to Nato, called for Western help in providing patrol boats, infra-red devices and border guard equipment. after the discovery of an ille-He said Nato help was needed to stop Estonia becoming a transit point for arms, drugs and strategic materials from Russia to the West. An Estonian official said that three containers of 15,000 automatic Maharov military pis-tols had been seized

ical department of the Estonian foreign ministry, said that the guns were bound for "a shadow company" in Finland and then to a company in Britain which he named. The shipment, marked as sports guns, included ammunition and had come from a Russian military factory at ljevsk, north of Moscow. He indicated the "end user" might have been the IRA.
"We informed the British au-

Tom King, the defence sec-

Kravchuk: hastening nuclear disarmament



in the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina called in protest against the divisive actions of Serbs in the multinational force. Despite a truce signed in Brus-

again in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia claiming the lives of at least six people. While fighting in Croatia solution to the Balkun confrontation.

Cresson hangs on as prime minister

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AFTER a day of high drama and low farce, Edith Cresson yesterday appeared to be hanging on as prime minister of France in defiance of the political obituaries that have marked her down for replacement by Pierre Bérégovoy, her finance minister. The doors of the Elysee Palace opened and closed incessantly on a stream of Socialist party notables summoned for discussions by President Mitterrand, while the press corps outside bayed for news.
With all sorts of rumours

doing the rounds, one theory gaining ground was that Mme Cresson has been fighting with characteristic tenacity to be allowed to stay on and lead the battered Socialists into the 1993 general election. The comings and goings of her cabinet minis-ters, it was argued, reflected efforts to cobble up a new government team with greater appeal to the voters who so conspicuously rejected the party in the recent regional and communal elections.

Appropriately, Mme Cresson was the first to pay a call upon M Mitterand, looking fresher and more confident than of late: she almost skipped back to her car afterwards, flashing a megawatt smile at the cameras. The mood in the Prime Minister's

offices at the Hôtel Matignon was positively festive.

Mme Cresson was followed into the Elyste by a significant part of her cabinet. ducking in and out of the courtyard like players in a farce by Georges Feydeau. In no particular order, came the ministers of defence, education, foreign affairs and fi-nance — M Beregovoy.

looking solemn. At one point, a cloud of smoke rose from one of the Elysée chimneys: could it be a sign that a new government had finally been formed? No, just a small fire in the basement: the press corps settled down again, reminding

themselves that yesterday was the occasion of Poisson d'Avril, the French version of

April Fool Day. It was felt that the president must be greatly enjoying keeping the country on tenterhooks. Some thought it still possible that he could be persuaded to retain Mme Cresson, provided she can convince him that the coming election is not a lost cause.

It is no secret that M Beregovoy, for all his solid and dependable qualities, does not strike M Mitterrand as the sort of leader able to retrieve the socialists lost popularity, while an inspired cabinet reshuffle just might.

other two relate to relations with the former Warsaw Pact Yeltsin to command Moldavia

PROM BRUCE CLARK

PRESIDENT Yeltsin took

control of the former Soviet

troops

garrison in the divided territory of Moldavia yesterday as fighting grew between Russian and Romanian speakers. Mr Yeltsin's decision, intended to stop the proliferation of arms and to strengthen his hand in any settlement moves, followed charges that Moldavian forces killed four people and wounded 12 when firing on a factory bus in cold blood. The killings were reported in the town of Bendery, where the Moldavian authorities — battling to reassert control over the eastern strip of the republic in which Russian-speakers predominate - sent a detachment of crack paramilitary

forces early yesterday.

Mr Yeltsin decreed that all troops on Moldavian soil which had not yet been incorporated into the republican army should be switched from the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of independent States to that of Russia.

Moldavia, in common with Ukraine and Azerbaijan, is forming its own defence forces by appropriating as much as possible of the local garrison. But in the east of the republic, former Soviet forces have been lending support to the breakaway Russianspeaking administration, which is also backed by armed Cossack volunteers from southern Russia and ministration has even named as its "defence adviser" a former commander of the Soviet forces' 14th army, General Gennadi Yakoviev, who has mysteriously disappeared from view in recent weeks.

The Moscow authorities caught between respect for Moldavia's newly won independence and concern for their ethnic kinsmen, have been working with Romania and Ukraine on a settlement based on non-interference in the republic's affairs. This would imply that Bucharest, which controlled most of the republic before 1940, would hold off from providing military support to Moldavia's ethnic Romanian government, while Russia would re-frain from backing the Slav administration in the east.

However, the Yeltsin administration has as yet been unable or unwilling to restrain the Cossacks, self-described heirs to the pre-revolutionary tradition of defending the wilder borders of

Trade alliance binds together Celtic fringe



FROM the Scottish High-lands to the Sierra Nevada of southern Spain, communi-ties with a Celtic background are flexing their cultural and investment from the Europe-

an Community.
The loose alliance of more than 20 regions from Cape Wrath to the Golfo de Alme-ria has become known as the Atlantic Arc. It is aimed at generating greater prosperi-ty within the Celtic axis from Scotland to Ireland, Wales, southwest England and westem France to Portugal and

Spain. Although the arc's power base is in Brittany, those who signed an agreement to cooperate in a campaign for economic and cultural selfhelp three years ago, hope that by representing more than 60 million people the arc will make up for the lack of strong regional govern-ment. The self-styled "blue banana" is set to challenge the "golden banana", which runs from from Belgium. through Germany, eastern France to northern Italy.
Chris Claridge, of the
Highland regional council.

There is a new and determined challenge to the investment and trading power of the EC, stretching from Scotland to Spain. Kerry Gill writes

said the arc was seen as a way of lobbying on a number of issues including fishing. transport, tourism and regional air services. One signatory to the agree-ment was Devon county

council, which has already seen concrete benefits. John Mitchell, assistant chief executive, said: "It is very much more than a concept. It is about regions, who saw a danger of investment going to places like London, Franfurt and Milan, getting together and making sure they attract their share of the EC's wealth.

Mr Mitchell said the single most important issue was transport. The arc's role was to lobby for better direct links between the Celtic regions such as Devon and Pays de la Loire, or Galicia and Andalucia. Already their

lobbying has paid off with the introduction of Arcantel. a computerised information system to improve the flow of goods through ports. Plymouth was one of the pilot ports, along with Brest and

Lisbon.
Other projects include trades. training in shipping trades, essential for a group of pre-dominantly maritime re-gions, and moves to increase trade with Africa and North America. Cultural exchanges have taken place within the arc but the underlying aim is the improvement of the regions' economy built on a common Celtic heritage. It is also a way in which the arc can stand on its own two feet instead of being shackled to the whims of the key economic and financial centres such as London, Paris and Madrid - a form of increasing economic devolution.

Mr Mitchell said: The

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prize for making the European Community better known to the public. The evangelist Billy Graham

has arrived in North Korea for a five-day visit during

which he will preach at new Protestant and Catholic churches. Mr Graham, said it was the first time an outside evangelist had been invited to preach in North Korea since the peninsula was divided

Leonette Scott, who played Tisha in the film Boy: N the Hood, has been placed on probation for four years for carrying cocaine on an Amer-

Jazz saxophonist Branford Marsalis, who takes over in May as musical director of The Tonight Show, has written a new theme song for the late-night NBC talk show, but said: "It's not listed in my top 20 favourite songs, but it suits the purpose."

Libyan marchers condemn sanctions

Gadaffi threatens to turn off oil supply

By Christopher Walker in cairo and Michael Binyon

AS ANGRY anti-Western marched yesterday in the streets of the Libyan capital. Tripoli, Colonel Muammar Gadaffi threatened to use the powerful oil weapon in retaliation against the United Nations sanctions due to be imposed from April 15.

The Libyan leader, facing internal pressure to take a hard line told the Italian magazine, Europeo, that he would halt sales of oil and withdraw all business from those nations which obey the UN and impose sanctions against him. Experts said that Italy and France would be hardest hit if he carried through the oil threat.

From now on the Libyan economy and politics march together," the colonel said at

Vermont rejects Clinton

FROM PETER STOTHARD IN NEW YORK

BILL Clinton comforts himself each morning with the thought that the campaign cannot get any worse than this — can it?

Yesterday he lost the Vermont caucus race, coming in a weak third behind Jerry Brown (46 per cent) and the 'don't knows" (25 per cent); his 17 per cent support was only eight points above Paul Tsongas, who gave up the battle more than a week ago. The latest opinion poll cuts his lead over Mr Brown from 20 points to nine.

Vermont is a tiny state with a reputation for bloody-mindedness. The Clinton team wrote it off their travel schedule long ago. The result, however, was not written off so easily on a day when the Arkansas governor was once again pillorled by the New York media and plagued by doubts about his honesty.

According to the New York Post columnist, Mike McAlary, "Bill Clinton has done more to bring the people of New York together than any politician in modern history: everywhere you go people say the same thing: he's too big a lie to swallow.

The newspapers cite a daily litany of alleged deceits over Gennifer Flowers, Hillary Clinton's business interest. marijuana use, and corrupt campaign contributions.

Mr McAlary exaggerates: that is his job. He is a close friend of the New York governor, Mario Cuomo's family: the Cuomos feel about the same goodwill to Clintons as lets to Sharks. But the cumulative impact in New York is clear enough. Tell an officeworker that the crush of cameramen is for Mr Clinton and she looks as though she will

throw up in her bag.
Mr Clinton's response is to debate with Mr Brown and attempt to show himself to television audiences. On Tuesday the candidates discussed "urban issues" - today's suphemism for Aids, homelessness, drugs and drive by shootings. The result, according to the mostly black borough mayors who listened, was stalemate. Both said the words their audience wanted to hear - "more

money". Mr Clinton said his "yeses" cautiously; Mr Brown said his "yeses" with contemptuous speed. Neither met the streetwise standards of Newsday whose columnist, Gail Collins, spoke of "two country boys lost in the city".

President Walesa yesterday

visited the former Dachau

concentration camp where

en's Prize has been awarded

his headquarters at Bab-Azizia. "Whoever does not support the cause of my people will not have anything, neither oil nor business."

Libya produces about 1.52 million barrels of crude per day, around 6.2 per cent of the output by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Diplomats have doubted that Libya would retaliate by cutting oil supplies as they bring in about 95 per cent of the country's income.

But senior Arab officials have been warning privately that the Libyan leader would hit out against the sanctions. "The embargo does not frighten us," Colonel Gadaffi told Europeo. "In fact, we will twist it against those who want to impose it, France and England above all, which are simply pawns of the United

The Libyan news agency, Jana, reported that the anti-Western demonstrators, including students, marched to show their "anger and rejection of the unjust resolution adopted by the Atlantic alli-ance and formulated by the American administration. Britain and France." Western diplomats were reported to have sought meetings with the Libyan government to try to end the slow-down on exit visas reported by nationals from a number of countries, including Britain, wanting to eave before the air embargo

The Arab world reacted with unaccustomed unity in condemnation of the UN decision and officials privately continued to try and find the elusive compromise which would save the Libyan leader's face. Decried by Arab states as a hypocritical example of Western-imposed dou-ble standards against a weak Arab world, the UN resolution has forged a rare consen-



Meguid: Arab League showing rare unity

sus among the 21 members of the Arab League, who said the proposed sanctions could "dangerous

Esmet Abdel-Meguid, the league's secretary-general, refused to anwers questions. But Arab sources predicted that the sanctions would spread instability throughout the Middle East and whip up renewed Islamic fundamental fervour against any moderate Arab regime which

might try to impose them. Moderate Arab nations like Morocco joined radicals like Irao to dismiss the sanctions as unjust and inappropriate to the alleged crime. Arab officials from a number of countries, especially those ajoining Libya, hinted they were unlikely to be fully

Nabil Sha'ath, a senior member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said he was exasperated by the "double standards" of the West in sponsoring UN sanctions on Libya but not against Israel He said it was hypocritical and offensive that Chapter VII of the UN Charter, which authorises the imposition of sanctions, should be used against Iraq and now gainst Libya, but never against the

Diplomatic discussions were centred around ways in which the two Libyans, suspected of involvement in the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, might somehow be transferred indirectly to the West. But Arab League officials were reported to be reluctant to take responsibility for a handover which would be deeply unpopular in the Arab

The Libyan foreign minis-try signalled that Libya, remained ready to co-operate to reach a solution "based on the UN charter and the principles of international law".

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said on BBC television yesterday that the pres-sures on Colonel Gadaffi were building up "steadily but re-lentlessiy". Britain was not going to forget about the case or let it go, but would have to wait and see what happened after April 15.

The Foreign Office yesterday issued a new travel advisory to the 5,000 British residents in Libys, underlining its warning of last month that they should leave the country before the UN air embargo comes into force.



Hands-on approach: former Israeli Labour party leader Shimon Peres hugs a supporter as he awaits results in the party's first-ever primaries yesterday

Israel accused of routine torture

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AT LEAST 5,000 Palestinian detainees a year face regular torture during interrogation by Israeli security forces, an Israeli human rights group

charged yesterday.
In a report published here, the respected B Tselem organisation, which monitors human rights violations in the Israeli-occupied territories, said that army, police and intelligence interrogators frequently tie up their prisoners for long periods, beat them and deprive them of sleep, in clear violation of the International Convention

Against Torture that was ratified by Israel last year. "We estimate that over the

past year, at least 5,000 persons have been interrogated using these methods," said the report's co-author, Professor Stanley Cohen of the Hebrew University. "These methods have become so routine that detainees hardly bother to complain about them any more."

Professor Cohen said that unlike Syria, Iraq or Guatemala, where more serious violations occurred. Israel used the language of democracy to anaesthetise the public into believing that something was being done when in fact there was still little control over the activities of the security forces, particularly that of the intelligence service Shin Bet.

The organisation said that It was particularly concerned that few, if any, improvements had been introduced to interrogation techniques used by Israel in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in spite of similar findings revealed by B'Tselem in last year's report, which led to a series of official enquiries.

Angolan soldiers demob in style

FROM SAM KILEY IN LUENA, EASTERN ANGOLA

THE first Angolan soldiers to be demobilised in the Angolan peace process cheered the generals against whom they had fought a bitter 16-year civil war and broke ranks to turn their parade ground into an impromptu discotheque.

In front of a delighted Margaret Anstee, the most senior official from the United Nations in Angola, and international observers here on Tuesday, the battle-weary soldiers made no effort to hide their joy at leaving the armed forces as they whirled about the parade ground.

After weeks of bickering between the National Union for Total Independence of Angola (Unita) and the government, the start of the demobilisation of the 80,000 registered guerrillas and soidiers is the first sign that peace might hold. But they return to civilian life without much prospect of employment or retraining.

Nevertheless, although the 1,000 soldiers who were handed about 110,000 kwanza (£58) plus a plastic bag with a change of civilian clothes, had defended Luena in the 45-day Unita siege before the peace accord last May, they showed little bitterness to their former enemies.

In contrast, the 30 Unita guerrillas standing embarrassed on their parade ground as fighters still with the rebel army sang songs of praise to Dr Jonas Savimbi their leader, greeted their departure from Unita with moody resignation.

General Ushie Unimna, the UN commander in Angola. said at the demobilisation ceremony: "It is essential to offer some hope of training and employment to the demobbed men. They will feel lost and frightened in the outside world. We have to make sure that the demob process goes ahead as planned and is successful or we will be just joking about peace," he said.

Angola has been allocated between \$60 million (£35 million) and \$70 million by the UN to help with military monitoring, some reconstruction and elections this year. But UN officials compare this spent on the Cambodian peace process, the \$600 million on Yugoslavia, or the \$430 million given to smooth Namibia's path to independence from South Africa in

Six die as township fighting erupts

Johannesburg: South African troops in armoured vehicles were deployed in an embattled black township yesterday after at least six people were killed and 23 wounded in heavy fighting between supporters of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom party (Gavin Bell writes).

The superintendent of the main clinic in Alexandra, on the east side of Johannesburg, described the clashes with guns, petrol bombs and spears as the bloodiest and most sustained for six years. The victims included an offduty policeman.

Tax drive

Peking: China's leaders have declared April as "tax propa-ganda month" in an effort to stop people beating up tax collectors. The publicity drive has been launched "to enhance people's sense of pay-ing taxes", the New China News Agency said. (Reuter)

Child sex rises

Bangkok: More children are being forced into prostitution in Thailand because of a belief that younger sex partners may be free of Aids, officials said. But they said that 70 to 80 per cent of all young girls forced into prostitution were infected with it. (Reuter)

Pledge given

Delhi: The embarrassed Congress (I) government has pledged in parliament that it would "vigorously pursue" investigations into the 1986 Bofors bribery scandal which forced the resignation of Madhavsinh Solanki, its foreign minister. (AFP)

Killer convicted

Lima: An army lieutenant was given a six-year jail term, subject to approval by a higher court, for killing at least 30 peasants in 1985. Officials said this was the first time a Peruvian officer had been found guilty of human rights violations. (AP)

Weeding out

Nicosia: An Iranian review body dominated by President Rafsaniani has disqualified a third of the candidates for parliamentary elections on April 10. Radicals commany 1.100 rejected were opponents of the president (AP)

Ship barred

Papeete: French authorities have barred the Greenpeace flagship, Rainbow Warrior II, from refuelling in Tahiti after its failed attempt to protest against nuclear test-ing in the Pacific. The ship is heading for the Cook Islands. (AFP)

Bomb removed Mexico City: A gift-wrapped bomb was removed from the offices of a Spanish travel agency here. A police spokesman was unable to comment when asked if the bomb might be linked to Eta, the Spanish Basque separatist

movement (Reuter) Plan unveiled

Singapore: Seeking to develinformation and computers, Singapore unveiled a plan to turn it into an electronic island state with an advanced information infrastructure within 15 years. (Reuter)

the hearts and minds of its Turkic cousins on the ancient new satellite television chanbecome "Central Asia's window to the world". (Reuter)

Zimbabweans stampede for food

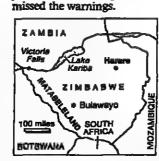
ZIMBABWE'S drought and food shortage have become so critical that they have begun sparking off violence. At Nkulumane township in the western city of Bulawayo, mobs smashed the windows of a store as they stampeded to get at a small stock of maize meal, the city's daily news-

paper reported vesterday. Violence has been expected after three weeks of drastically rationed supplies of maize meal, the affordable basic diet of nearly all of Zimbabwe's 11 million people. In urban areas all over the country, thousands of people spend days on end waiting outside supermarkets and stores for the arrival of a truck

delivering meal. Drought is ravaging crops throughout southern Africa this year, and the rainy season, from November to March, failed to materialise in many parts of Zimbabwe. But it is not just drought and widespread crop failure that is to blame. The government

President Mugabe's political future is at risk after exacerbating food shortages by making policy mistakes, Jan Raath writes from Harare

was warned by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in July last year that low maize production - the result of farmers abandoning maize growing because of poor state-controlled prices - would see stocks run out early in the year. President Mugabe dis-



The food situation has thrown the country into a political dilemma which Western diplomats say poses a severe threat to the continuing rule of Mr Mugabe's Zanu party. Looking tired and strained, he went on holiday on Monday to Ireland

leaving the nation in the care

of Joshua Nkomo, the vicepresident. Urban areas offer some bread as an expensive substitute to sadza, the sticky porridge made from the maize meal. But in the rural areas there are few alternatives. Ziana, the national news agency, reported from Muzarabani in the north that villagers were reduced to a diet of silt and the pith of the fruit of the baobab tree.

national executive of Christian Care, the largest charitable body involved in famine releief, says there have been reports of starvation. "In a matter of a few months we will be experiencing the problems that we have seen in Ethiopia," he said. Senior grain industry

sources say stocks of Zimbab wean-grown maize have run

Blackout stopped: Zimbabwe has been rescued temporarily from severely disruptive power cuts due to be introduced tomorrow to conserve the little electrical power available following a record low flow of whater in the Zambezi river harnessed by the Kariba power station. The national power utility said it had made a last-minute agreement with Zambia and Zaire to import 240 megawatts from their respective national grids for one month.

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Junta troika keeps its peace on Falklands war

Setback for Li Peng as deputies amend report

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

LI PENG, the Chinese prime minister, has suffered a blow to his prestige in the parllamentary praesidium, which has revised his government work report, adding a controversial commitment to fight against left-wing cadres or hardliners.

The issue of "leftism" has become the centre of a fierce power struggle, in which Deng Xiaoping, the senior leader, has emerged from semi-retirement to attempt to silence hardliners who oppose radical reform. Since the annual session of the National People's Congress opened almost two weeks ago, the already unpopular prime minister has been under fire from Mr Deng's supporters for his failure to endorse Mr Deng's attacks on hardliners.

The Peking-backed Da Gong Bao newspaper, published in Hong Kong, yester-

Mr Li's work report before approving it, attacking the left wing. Mr Deng is one of the members of the praesidium. but he is not known to have attended any of the The newspaper said that

day reported that the praesi-

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some deputies attending the meetings were dissatisfied with Mr Li's work report. because it did not include Mr Deng's phrase about resisting leftism. The final version of the work report, which will be voted on in secret ballot by all parliamentary deputies tomorrow, has not yet been released

Analysts believe that if there are a large number of votes opposing the work report, or substantial revisions are made to it, this will be seen as a vote of no confidence in Mr Li.

Beaming ahead

Istanbul: Turkey, keen to win Silk Road, began testing a nel hoping to beat Iran to

PEOPLE

Walesa pays respect

thousands of Poles died at the hands of the Nazis during the second world war. Visibly moved at the start of his fiveday visit to Germany, he said: after the second world war. "It is our duty as citizens of Europe always to remember that people were killed here." The 1992 European Wom-

to Juliet Lodge, who teaches ican domestic flight. European integration and heads the European Community research unit at Hull University. She was given the

T en years after the Falk-lands conflict. General Leopoldo Galtieri leads his life quietly away from public attention. He is seen driving his car and in restaurants around his home in the Villa Devoto district of Buenos Aries. The public largely blames him for Argentina's defeat, but he has always refused to speak about why he led his coun-

try to war with Britain.

The only time he has ap-

peared in public in the past ten years was at the war commemoration services on April 2 last year, by the me-morial of the dead soldiers in the central Plaza San Martin, where he said he would do the same again. "He has decided to remain silent and has refused to speak about the war. It brings back too many bad

memories," said his wife

Lusia Noemi. Although

war with Britain, Gabriella Gamini writes in Buenos Aires General Galtieri, aged 67, and Basilio Lami-Dozo of was tried and sentenced to

Leopoldo Galtieri and his generals

still refuse to talk about Argentina's

12 years imprisonment for 'mismanagement of the war', he only spent six years in iail and is now a free man and lives a quiet life on a military pension of \$1,600 (£941) a month.

An amnesty issued by President Menem in December 1990 to all military officers accused of human rights violations during the dictatorship of the 1970s and the early 1980s. included General Galtieri's mismanaged war. Also freed in the amnesty were General Jorge Anaya of the navy. the air force, who made up the trio of the junta which ruled Argentina at the time of the conflict.

While Argentine justice has absolved General Galtieri, many still hold him responsible for a war Argentina could never hope to win. "People around here do not really say hello to him. He is regarded as a man who risked many of our young soldiers' lives and led us into a war which we could never win," said a shop

OWINGE. Local historians and anahysts claim that General Galtieri sent his troops to



Galtieri: quiet life

and no interviews invade the Falkland Islands because he never expected a military response from Britain. Most agree that he did it to gain political support at a time of very shaky internal problems. În April 1982 he had been in power just five months and there were vying for his presidency, while economic problems bset the government.

T t is also thought that much of the pressure for war came from General Anaya who is believed to have planned the invasion months before. General Anaya has also refused interviews and lives in retirement in the Buenos Aires suburb of Martinez. He has never explained his involve-

to talk because his very nationalist feelings are no

spokesman. The air force's General Basilio Lami-Dozo has also refused to speak about the war, but he was always con-

The navy prefers him not longer what we want to express," said a navy

sidered to be the most moderate of the junta trio. The Argentina for the Falklands. have always been a very sensitive issue, arousing nationalist feelings.

The government of President Menem now considers the war a mistake. Señor Menem said he would continue to press for Argentine sovereignty, but through di-plomacy. "I am fully respon-sible for the amnesty which freed military leaders. But I disagree with the way the country was led into war."

A foreign ministry official said: "We had nothing to do with the decisions of the military leadership. We consider the war a bad memory, something which set back any negotiations we could have had, by years. We have made a complete break from the past."

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A very British cover-up

Simon Jenkins on how the Franks report let the government off the hook over the Argentine invasion

war began ten years ago today. A thousand lessons have been drawn from it, lessons about military tactics, naval equipment, press censorship. But on the overriding question of how this extraordinary war was ever allowed to happen, there has been silence. In the aftermath of victory, the British government asked Lord Franks to report on its performance. His famous exoneration was duly received and the matter considered closed.

When I first studied the Falklands conflict in 1982, I concluded that on balance the sending of the task force was justified. Inhabited territory is the most treasured political commodity. Its sovereign-ty should not be changed by military aggression. If means exist to rectify aggression without disoportionate cost, then the state

is right to employ them.

Today slightly different arguments would be used. Powerful states owe it to world order to resist expansionist dictators, be they Argentinian or Iraql. British action restored self-determination in the Falklands (and incidentally in Argentina). Thus it was justified.

he question of proportionality is harder. Britain came ominously close to losing the Falklands war. or at least to being thrown wholly upon America's military charity. As military strategists have since admitted, the venture was reckless and the risk to the democratic cause considerable. But victory makes every pessimist a traitor and every opportunist a hero.

What cannot be sustained is the Franks committee's exoneration of the politicians. His famous final words were: "We conclude that we would not be justified in attaching any criticism or blame to the present government for the Argentine junta's decision to commit its act of unprovoked aggression in the invasion of the Falkland Is-lands on 2 April 1982."

What have ten years done to that conclusion? It was written in the heat of victory and the authors saw no virtue in puncturing military glory. It took its evidence on Argentine motives and strategy only from the British Foreign Office. This evidence indicated, ludicrously, that the invasion was dreamed up by the junta overnight on March 30 or 31. Thus Franks was able to present it as a bolt from the blue, unpredictable and unpreventable. Seldom can a comfool itself.

sitting, material on the Argentine invasion plan was emerging. In the past ten vears this material has become a flood. Some 80 books have been part, along with a similar number of reports and articles, roughly a third of them from the Argentine side. Admirals Lombardo, Anaya and Busser have all contributed explanations and apologias, as has the Buenos Aires foreign minister, Costa Mendes, Judicial enquiries in Buenos Aires have been exhaustive and, on the whole, objective.

f all-professions, politics learns least from its mis-takes. The Falklands the degree of takes. The Falklands self-examination by both sides. We can now watch action and reaction moving towards parallel crises in London and Buenos Aires in those early months of 1982.

That the Argentine invasion was, as Franks says, "unprovoked" is both true and beside the point. It would not have happened without a serious breakdown in British diplomatic and military co-ordination in the later months of 1981. followed by an equally serious failure of reactive intelligence in March 1982. These deficiencies were aggravated by a Whitehall climate in which ministers felt unable to convey their worries frankly to Downing Street.

Britain knew at the time that Argentina had no scruple about using force to seize the Falklands. But Argentine plans to do so, dating from the early 1970s, were always based on careful assess-ment of Britain's response. This assessment changed in 1981 with the withdrawal of HMS Endurance, the running down of the surface fleet and the willingness of the Foreign Office to consider the islands from

No Argentine assessment considered that Britain would send a fleet to recapture them, nor did any British navy plan consider such an operation in advance of the task force. A defence ministry paper on the subject early in 1982 dismissed recapture as near inconceivable. Even when seizure was Imminent, nobody in Downing Street suggested an ultimatum threatening recapture. Not until the invasion was an accomplished fact and the First Sea Lord volunteered his fleet did war become a serious option. The left often accused Margaret Thatcher of deliberately "drawing Galtieri onto the punch". This is absurd, but Costa Mendes could be forgiven for later thinking otherwise.

now know that there were two quite separate Argentine V invasion plans. Operation Azul (renamed Rosario) was under the control of Admiral Lombardo, on the orders of Anaya, and was for a full amphibious assault on the Falklands in spring/summer 1982. Detailed planning of Azul commenced in December 1981 and moved into top gear when Britain merely protested at Buenos Aires' belligerent communique of March 2, 1982, following the breakdown of talks on Falklands leaseback in

The March 2 communique was a clear signal from Buenos Aires of trouble, even after Costa Mendes had doctored it to avoid alerting British intelligence. Such Argen-tine militancy crossed a specific threshold to invasion mentioned in a British Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC) assessment of July 1981. The Foreign Office minute on that assessment clearly told ministers that they now had either to negotiate in good faith on leaseback or fortify the islands against likely invasion in 1982. It is clear from Franks (and from

my enquiries) that FO officials

were frantic at Lord Carrington's failure to persuade his cabinet colleagues to resolve this dilemma. So worried were they that they laid out details of a remarkably similar crisis in 1977, which led James Callaghan and David Owen to deploy a submarine in the South Atlantic against possible invasion. Evidence from Buenos Aires indicates that such a deployment, if revealed, would instantly have aborted any invasion. The Argentine navy, however warlike, had a terror of British submarines witness its reaction to the Belgrano

anything like enough evidence to get a submarine out of defence". The climate had changed since Lord Callaghan's day. From now on, each move, or failure to move, in London was monitored by the Operation Azul olanning team in Argentina, This was no rush to war. It was a case of two nations trying to read one another's minds as they hoped for the best and falled to prepare for the worst. Britain's failure both to fortify the Falklands in 1981 and to react emphatically at the start of March 1982 was read as lack of

sinking. Lord Carrington merely

remarked that he "did not have

change after an invasion.)
Had Lord Carrington made an issue of submarine deployment, it is hard to believe Mrs Thatcher would not have backed him against a reluctant MoD. On March 3 she annotated a note on the breakdown of the New York

commitment to the islands. (What

Buenos Aires did not assess was

how that commitment might

mand of Her Majesty talks, "we must make contingency nos Aires (who came closest to plans". Five days later, she even asked John Nott, the defence secretary, about deployment. Nothing was done. Since nobody was pressing her (as David Owen had pressed Callaghan in 1977), she can perhaps be forgiven for not pressing anybody herself. But Lord Callaghan's comment is hard to dispute: "This was a war that need never have happened if proper precautions had been made."

The Franks Report

Falkland Islands Review-

Presented to Parliament by

the Prime Minister by

rom this point on, a syndrome known to American analysts as cognitive dissonance came into play in London. As the Argentinians became more and more convinced that Britain did not care about the Falklands, the JIC watched its alarming July 1981 assessment unfolding to pian. There would be a loss of Argentine belligerent noises from Buenos Aires, then trial landings on lesser islands, then a possible direct assault later in the year. The assessment impressively reflected the actual contents of Operation Azul (timed for May 15-July). Yet as each threshold was crossed, the JIC never felt obliged to sound an alarm. Analysts do not show alarm: that is for ministers.

Dissonance now set in. The intelligence hierarchy began to decry evidence that its scenario might be right in content but wrong in timing — the occupational disease of all espionage. A letter of March 2 from Colonel Love, Britain's defence attache in Bue-

alerting London of Azul's existence) was comprehensively dis-missed. The MoD saw him as part of the "Endurance lobby", having been put up to it by the FO. The FO (whose officials emerge with least discredit from this period) saw him as merely confirming their own fears and the impotence of their ministers.

However, in mid-March both the JIC assessment and Lombardo's Operation Azul collapsed together. What caused the collapse was Admiral Anaya's double-crossing of his colleague, Lombardo. Another long-stand ing Argentine navy plan, Opera-tion Alpha, was directed at covertly occupying South Georgia under "scrap merchant" cover. This was timed for March/April. Marines would land and wait to see how Britain reacted. It was a "back invasion of the Palkland

When Lombardo was told to proceed with Azul in January, he asked Anaya to promise to cancel Alpha. Clearly any crists on South Georgia could lead Britain to reinforce the Falklands, deploy a submarine and forestall an invasion that Argentina knew had to be bloodless to be inter-nationally acceptable. "One can't have Georgias in April and Falk-lands in July." Lombardo said

emphatically.
Anaya's self-confidence was his undoing. Unwilling to upset the naval intelligence unit already planning Alpha, Anaya allowed the Constantine Davidoff scrap metal operation to go ahead on

on March 19 with a landing at Leith Lombardo, then still on holiday in Uruguay, was appalled, raced back to his office and was told on March 22 to bring Azul forward from May 15 to the end of March. Anaya had realised that a British submarine deployment might come at any time.

Britain's response on March 20 was the reverse of that of March 2, but just as influential in Buenos Aires. HMS Endurance was immediately sent from the Falklands to South Georgia to clear the "scrap merchants". This succeeded both in raising the diplomatic temperature and in leaving the Falklands unprotected by sea. Since Argentine planning required no blood-shed, this withdrawal of cover left Buenos Aires delighted.

More serious, within a week news was leaked that a nuclear submarine was being sent south from Gibraltar. The MoD was proud of this (inaccurate) leak. Yet was incomprehensible in the light of current intelligence. The FO minister, Sir Richard Luce, says his secretary was physically sick when he heard it. A muclear submarine was declared to be on its way, yet was not there. The junta was now under intense political pressure domestically and needed no further invitation. Azul was renamed Rosario, and on

t is now clear that British ministers should have taken the opposite decisions. They should have left the Alpha incursion on South Georgia undisturbed for the time being. They should have sent a submarine secretly not publicly, and they should not have moved Endurance from Port Stanley. By now there was enough intelligence, not least from Colonel Love and En-durance, indicating the feverish backwash of Operation Rosario. Yet every item of raw intelligence ran up against a wall of indiffer-ence in Whitehall.

Every historian of the period must beware of hindsight. Yet what must be remarkable is that at no point was Whitehall conducting diplomatic or military war games round the dispute in the South Atlantic. No interdepartmental committee was meeting. No navy planning existed. Most decisions were taken bilaterally between an individual department and Downing Street. It is ironic that Franks quotes a British intelligence report of March 24, loftily describing a complete lack of "central co-ordination of policy (in Buenos Aires), which was conducted from several quarters". He made no such comment about

What is eezie in reading acafter the event, is that there could be so much activity on one side of the Atlantic with so little knowledge of it on the other. On March 28, a battle fleet complete with carrier group put out to sea (albeit under cover of "exercises") to attack a Nato power. In Buenos Aires, the British embassy, whose warnings had been disregarded by ministers, was burning documents prior to evacuation. Yet a fully staffed CIA station there was silent

By March 30, American signals monitors and Endurance intercepts were passing back to Cheltenham alarming news of activity. Yet on April 1, with an armada by then plainly advancing on British territory, dissonance was so complete that Cabinet Office staff were telling a frantic Foreign Office official to "get your minister off our backs" about the Falklands. Parallels with Pearl Harbour are

not fanciful.

No. hindsight is not too harsh a judge. In retrospect John Nott failed to protect a British territory when his intelligence Red Book told him it was under threat. In retrospect, Lord Carrington should have made more of an issue of Fortress Falklands in September 1981, or of a submarine in March 1982. But both ministers had other fish to fry in a Whitehall culture hostile to both

departments. Criticism can equally be made of a prime minister who disliked her cabiner's overseas committee as much as Lord Callaghan had previously enjoyed his. Downing Street then (as now) seemed so in thrail to the Treasury that ministers did not feel it worth arguing for such costly policies as Fortress Falklands. But Mrs Thatcher at least demanded "contingencies" in her March memorandum and was not obeyed.

Fewer allowances can be made for the intelligence arm of govern-ment, notably the JIC under Sir Patrick Wright. It appears to have behaved not as a supplier of independent intelligence and advice to ministers, but as a mix of postman and poodle, postman of raw intelligence and poodle of Whitehall's various lobbies. The precautionary deployment of submarines might have been made had JIC assessments been more alarming - in line with the growing alarm of their raw material.

The principle that the Foreign Office should chair the JIC was ended after the war. That body. staffed by soldiers and diplomats and short on lateral thinkers, had nothing like the clout it should have in the counsels of govern-ment. It had least clout when overawed by tired ministers, most of them inexperienced in the arcana of intelligence.

 he world is left with the old story told by Clause-witz. Diplomacy and military deterrence, the stuff of politics, failed in their joint task of averting war. An aggressor was left believing he could succeed in his aggression. Franks was wrong. Britain could have predicted the invasion, taken steps to stop it and ept possession of the Falklands.

For the past ten years this conundrum has remained untackled. There has been no study of why a shooting war which neither party anticipated or really wanted was not prevented. The answer of the American John Adams is perhaps the best: that while all other ment "is little better practised now than it was 3,000 years ago".

Politics offers few tools to study its processes. It concerns the interaction of people, in which prediction or prescription is no more than a branch of chaos theory. Before the Falklands war - and in contrast to the similar 1977 crisis - politicians failed to do what they are supposedly best at talk to each other, worry each other and draw on each other's experiences. A murderous and avoidable little war was the result. Michael Joseph today reissues The Battle for the Falklands by Max Hastings and Simon Jenkins



...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

hy did no one ever warn me that watching politicians on television can be dangerous? I had been watching news pro-grammes and election broadcasts for three weeks and there had been no after-effects whatsoever. I suppose in retrospect. I was probably watching rather too much of Roy Hattersley, and that I should have balanced him with a bit of Prescott or even a dash of Mellor. But it is so easy to be wise after the event... And what an event! Oh, the

horror of it! Save me! Save me! But first let me take a deep breath. I will now try to explain everything from the beginning. Yesterday morning. I woke at roughly the same time as I always do, feeling much the same as usual. It was a morning like any other: or so it seemed. I wondered to myself whether my wife would like a cup of tea. So far, so good. But as I started to ask her, I was horrified to dis-

cover the following words pour-

ing out of my mouth. It goes without saying, and by all means correct me if I am wrong, though wrong I by no means conceive myself to be, and in the fullness of time we shall see for ourselves, that the options pertaining to your forthcoming morning imbibulatory experience, clearly and simply expressed, are the following: either tea, that most underrated yet popular of beverages, or alternatively and on the other hand, that indubitably darker yet still immensely satisfying potation, namely coffee, freshly-

brewed for preference." All the while, I could feel a knowing smile playing on my face.

Hearing this unusual outburst, my wife, who had been asleep, turned in my direction. As she opened her eyes, a look of horror transformed her face.

"Oh my God!" she gasped.
"No! No! You'te Roy Hattersley! "No! No! You're Roy Hattersley!

Aaaaagh! Get out! Get out!" Her terrified wails still echo ing in my ears, I rushed to a mirror. The face that looked back at me was that of Roy Hattersley. How could this have happened? I had watched him three times on television the night before - once on Question Time, once on Newsnight and once in a party political broad-cast — as well as on BBC Breakfast Time in the morning and on an all-party discussion programme in the afternoon. But no one had warned me that it would come to this. In desperation, I struggled to convince my wife that it was not Hattersley who stood before her, but me, her beloved husband, wrapped beneath an outer layer of Hattersley. But somehow the words came out all

"A little elucidation might very well be in order," I heard myself splutter in the lamiliar tones of Hattersley. Again that smug look flickered uncontrollably across my face. "For, contrary to popular belief — and popular belief can amount to an intolerable inconvenience to those whose decidedly more élitist, not to say solipistic, angle prevents them from a profoundly held understanding

"Shut up! Shut up!" screamed my wife. "I can't take any more! Out of my house, Hattersley! And don't you dare come back! And take all your profoundlys

And take all your protoundlys and decidedlys with you!"

Protesting loudly in words I would never have chosen ("Charity obliges me to pass lightly over your more intemperate outbursts..."), I found myself thrown out of my own house, to pace the countryside, alone, and friendless chooked in alone and friendless, cloaked in the person of Roy Hattersley, perhaps forever.

At my approach, villagers I have known for years shy away from me, their faces racked with terror lest I shake their hands and engage them in election conversation. I have even found it difficult to buy food. No sooner have I begun asking for "One of your more flavoursome comestibles, perchance a veritable item of foodstuff that is both nutritious and delicious, a combination most satisfactory and, perhaps above all, tempting to my well-practised pal-ate... than the shopkeeper has begun looking around for

another costomer to serve. Have any readers had similar experiences? If so, perhaps we might arrange to pool our re-sources and live in an enclosed community, populated entirely by Roy Hattersleys. To everyone else, I would issue this solemn warning Norman Lamont is expected on television five times today. Learn from my mistake. Wear protective goggies.

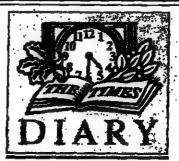
What odds? or even...

WITH the Tories wobbling, so are the bookmakers. Yesterday for the first time, William Hill devised odds on just who will be lead-ing the Tory party on December 31 this year. John Major remains favourite to hang on — but only just. The bookies offer no more than evens on the prime minister still being in command of his party come Christmas. Michael Heseltine is breathing down his neck at 2-1, Kenneth Clarke is at 5-2, and coming up on the outside at the comparatively short odds of 25-1 against is Margaret

Thatcher. But could it happen? Some of her supporters, while admitting they have not discussed the matter with the former prime minister, insist that it could. There are two possibilities. If the Tories lose and she declines a seat in the House of Lords, a Thatcher loyalist - perhaps an old trusty like Tom King - might stand down to allow her to return to the Com-

mons at a by-election. Alternatively, she might accept a peerage but then respond to a clamour for a change of leader by declaring her availability in the autumn and renouncing the peerage, in the manner of Alec Douglas Home. Now there's a thought. What odds on him making comeback?

• Fresh from directing Labour's controversial broadcast on the health service, Mike Newell will be watching his latest production on BBC 2 this Sunday. A drama starring Miranda Richardson and Joan Plowright, it is called Enchanted April Thanks at least in part to Newell's efforts, it looks increasingly as though for Labour supporters it will be.



Doctoring the charter

AS the Tories yesterday unveiled the Patient's Charter, a 60-yearold forerunner of the document has turned up in William Waldegrave's office - and critics of the health secretary's reforms should be grateful for the improvements. Dated 1930, the document now hangs outside the office of Waldegrave's colleague, Stephen Dorrell, the junior health minister. It does not worry itself with such irrelevancies as tender care. "Male patients are not to get into or out of bed (unless it is properly screened) when sister or nurse is in the ward." Patients must not sit up after 8.30 pm, and all who are considered "able" are to rise at 6.15 am for bedmaking. Patients are not to play games for money.

The infraction of any of these rules should render the patient liable to dismissal," it threatens or, rather, promises. Expulsion would surely have come as a relief.

What goes next?

AFTER the rescue for the nation of his Holbein, fears are growing that Lord Cholmondeley may be preparing to sell other treasures from Houghton Hall, his Norfolk home. "It is clear the £10 million from the sale of the Holbein will not solve all the problems, and that -

Lord Cholmondeley will have to consider other private treaty sales with the nation. There is no specific plan yet, but we hope one suc-cess may be followed by another, not tomorrow but in the course of the year," says Charles Allsopp, chairman of Christie's.

Top of the auctioneers' list, many suspect, is Houghton Hall's furniture by William Kent, who designed all the interior fixtures and fittings when the house was built for Robert-Walpole in 1722. "The collection is one of the most



important in Britain. The house is very special because it's all of one design, an ensemble" says Georgina Nayler from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. "Houghton musm't be split up. It must be preserved for the nation."

Fooled you

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NEIL KINNOCK had more good news yesterday when an April Fools prank led to the Tory candidate in his Islwyn constituency being disowned by his agent.
Peter Bone, the candidate, yes-

terday published an opinion poll claiming that he was set to unseat Kinnock with a one per cent lead. Sheila Organ, his agent was un-amused. "I must dissociate myself from this," she said. "He published it without my knowledge."
The candidate is unrepensant.

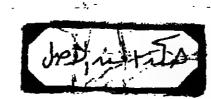
"I gave the odd hint in my press release that it was a spool. I said that it was conducted by AFD Polls. That stood for April Fool's Day Polls and the spokesman. Ken A. Surap, was obviously an anagram of prankster." But like Organ, Conservative Central Office failed to see the joke. "Mr Bone has a different sense of humour from our 644 other candidates," said a spokeswoman.

Despite his sense of humour,

Bone, however, has been less than amused by the behaviour of his political opponents. "We have had phone calls from people saying they are Labour supporters threatening the safety of my children."

He does not blame Kinnock personally, but says: "It's a bunch of hooligans who think they are supporting Labour. One of our supporters, who is 67. had a bedroom window smashed for displaying a poster. He has boarded the window so he can carry on displaying it. Labour officers yesterday insis ted the intimidation was nothing to do with them. Andrew Bold, of the Welsh Labour party, said: "Obviously we dissociate ourselves from such behaviour."

■ Tim Renton hosted a farewell party at Lancaster House this week for Lords Montagu and Charteris, and treated the astonished pair to a rendition of the old striptease song "Big Spender". The departing heads of English Heritage and the National Heritage Memorial Fund were certainly leading petitioners for government arts funding. But not everyone was amused when Renton burst into song: "Hey big spender, Spend a little time with me". Said one guest: "It's a song about prostitution, isn't it? Good-ness knows what he was thinking."



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PROFITLESS TACTICS

How should those who do not want a Labour government vote? The answer is Conservative. Only in five seats could a tactical anti-Labour voter go for a Liberal Democrat in Blyth Valley, Islington South, Sheffield Hillsborough, Leeds West and Newcastle

North. In these seats, the Tories have no realistic chance. Labour would lose them to the Liberal Democrats on an anti-Labour swing of 5 per cent. The fewer Labour MPs there are, the greater the chance that Neil Kinnock will not be the next prime minister. Everywhere else, the only effective anti-Labour vote is a Conservative one. John

Major and his colleagues yesterday grasped this uncomplicated notion. They managed with more passion than they have mustered for some time to warn lukewarm Tories of the perils of Paddy. The Liberal Democrats were a "Trojan Horse," Mr Major said. There were only two possible outcomes on April 9: a Tory government led by him or a Labour government led by Neil Kinnock. A vote for the Liberal Democrats was a "vote for Labour through the back door."

Tory candidates once learnt to lambast Liberals on their mothers' knees. The reason was that elections where the Liberals did well were elections that Labour won: October 1964 and both elections in 1974. Elections where the Liberals did badly were elections which the Tories won: October 1951 and June 1970. The lesson was clear: never be soft towards a centre party.

The 1980s were different. Labour set off on its Bennite Odyssey and Liberals and Social Democrats clearly split the anti-Tory vote. The more Liberals there were, the better it seemed to suit the Tories. Margaret. Thatcher sailed to comfortable overall majorities on no more than 43 per cent of the popular vote, less than most of her predecessors. A few individual Tories were threatened by third force candidates, particularly in the South. But nationally, a split

opposition admirably suited the Tory book. This year is clearly different. Mr Kinnock's New Model Labour party has ditched the policies that put off its natural supporters while the Tory government is vulnerable to the hazards of longevity in office: accumulated grievances, miscellaneous disappointments, incipient boredom, an underlying inclination to "throw the rascals out".

From the autumn on, Conservative Central Office has been putting it about that a Liberal Democrat vote of about 22 per cent would be ideal. At that level, the Liberal Democrats would take votes from Labour but not seats from the Tories - they hoped. This would have been true on the assumption that Liberal Democrat votes came equally from Labour and the Tories. That is no longer the case. According to Mori's panel poll in The Sunday Times, the Liberal Democrats have taken 130,000 votes net from Labour, but more than twice that, 290,000, from the Tories. Labour's poll ratings have remained flat, while the Liberal

Democrats have gained two or three points. There is not much joy for the Liberal Democrats in this. On national figures, they are not polling well enough to hold all their current seats, though local and regional concentrations of support may help them. The main beneficiaries of their advance will be Labour candidates, taking Tory seats on the back of a reduction in the Conservative vote. A majority Labour government is thus made more likely.

Alienated Conservatives tempted to vote Liberal Democrat may find plausible reasons for doing so. They may like some Lib-Dem policy more than a Tory one. They may feel a large Liberal Democrat vote will moderate Labour policies in a hung parliament. They may even think in such a parliament, a Liberal Democrat block will keep the Tories in power but in desirable chains.

All this is self-deception. Every Tory deserting to the Liberal Democrats helps Labour to an overall majority. Even in a hung parliament, Mr Ashdown's current appearance of neutrality between the two main parties will count for nothing. The Liberal Democrats are likely to back Labour because only Labour will have any truck with proportional representation and a Scottish parliament. The result is the same in both cases: a Labour government. Those who want that should vote Labour. Those who do not should vote Tory.

SCARCELY ON TAP

2:12 Hungry mobs are rioting in Zimbabwe. Hosepipes will soon be banned again in much of southern England, Western states of America are angry with each other. The common element is water, or the lack of it. Nearly a quarter of all countries now have too little fresh water. Even rainy Britain is suffering its longest drought since 1745.

More merciful "gentle rain from heaven" would help. But that is hard to fix, even for witchdoctor rain-makers. Some scientists believe that global warming is already leading to less rain, and that what Britain is experiencing is a taste of more serious drought to come. If so, Britons must start valuing their water, not taking it for granted almost as they do the air they breathe.

At a United Nations conference in Dublin two months ago, representatives of 100 governments agreed that water must be treated as an economic good. Fresh water is finite and vulnerable to pollution. Too little of it causes disease as well as hunger, and is a fierce constraint on economic development. Yet huge amounts are wasted because its price does not reflect its value.

Irrigated agriculture accounts for about 80 per cent of all water used in the world. The UN estimates that in many schemes up to 60 per cent is lost on the way from the source to the plant. Grand irrigation projects are often so heavily subsidised that the crops they help to grow are worth less than the cost of bringing the water. Sometimes the schemes fail even to do the irrigation for which they were designed. Africa is littered with disastrous projects — dry canals, useless dams - that did little more than line the pockets of the officials who ordered them and the contractors who built them.

The shortage of water in Africa now threatens two-thirds of its population and is

likely to worsen. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said in his former incarnation as Egypt's foreign minister that "the next war in our region will be over the waters of the Nile". The Aswan Dam has given Egypt almost total control over the Nile, the world's longest river. But that mastery will last only until countries upstream of Egypt decide to build dams for themselves. Ethiopia is the source of 85 per cent of Egypt's water. The politics of water may eventually become as cantankerous as the politics of oil.

As with energy conservation, frugality is the key. In Britain, 25 per cent of water leaks away before it even reaches the tap. And as charges for water are fixed, people use it carelessly. Industry has no incentive to recycle its water. More efficient distribution, more metering, and tougher regulation of industrial waste water would immediately help towards balancing supply and demand.

In America's western states, where water has become a leading political issue, a market has developed. Cities buy water rights from farmers who invest the money in improvements to irrigation in order to cut waste. In the Third World, the same needs to happen. Cities are overpopulated and undersupplied with fresh water. The lack of sanitation makes them fertile ground for disease. If those working the land were given an incentive to use their water more efficiently, urban dwellers would gain.

Water from the earth is a limited raw material like any other, and people should be encouraged to pay a proper price for it. Rain from the heavens may be free at the point of delivery, but it is no less valuable for that. If the right price is put on extracted ground water, people will try harder to collect and use their rainwater.

ONION SAUCE

Men have gone to war over trivial symbols. from Helen's smile to red or white roses. But never before over an onion, which looks too humble a bulb to provoke such tears. The "onion war" in Brittany is the latest example of the militant protectionism of French farmers, who will use any means from violent demonstration to hijacking and arson in order to preserve a monopoly in their produce.

The casus belli is not the plump, purple onion, which, like the globe artichoke, grows plumper in Brittany than elsewhere on earth. The war is over a light brown onion, a cousin of the English shallot, which is also a speciality of that region. A British lorry, trying to deliver 20 tons of Turkish onions to supermarkets, has been waylaid by French farmers protesting at cheap (that is, cheaper than Breton) imports. They held the driver at gunpoint, while they poured the onions on the ground, squashed them with a tractor, and tipped manure on them. The lorry was set on fire and the farmers broke into a local packing plant to destroy yet more alien onions.

The French sales manager of the business then resigned, after death threats to his parents. The British vegetable supplier. which was in this case acting merely as the carrier of free trade, has lodged a claim for £2 million damages with the French government. Britain's agricultural minister has deplored the onions and protested vigorously to the French authorities, who have undertaken to police their highwaymen. And pigs will fly - that is, if they want to get into France without being prematurely roasted in a lorry by the side of the road.

Until now the onion has been a symbol of international harmony and free trade. For more than a century French onion-sellers, known affectionately as Onion Johnnies, have been coming over in the onion boats after the harvest, and bicycling around the United Kingdom in their Breton and Basque berets, with strings of onions dangling from their handlebars like vegetable bandoliers. Britons never let their tyres down, not even in the onion-growing regions of the country.

Smart London kitchens improved their chic with plaits of French onions and garlic. The Welsh found that they spoke a cognate language to that of the onion-sellers, and developed a passion for pickled onions. As Celts from the Scottish Highlands, through Wales and Brittany, down to southern Spain are forming an "Atlantic Arc" to campaign for maximum investment from the European Community, the onion could have been a symbol of Celtic unity rather than of protectionist strife.

Instead it has become the latest occasion for ugly and absurd violence against competition, which extends from lamb to the bitter banana wars in the banana republics. There has not yet been a mint sauce war, only because no Frenchman would dream of putting anything as preposterous as mint sauce on roast lamb. The free market is the best garden: but it needs to be kept open for all gardeners, not reserved for feudal monopolists, even in berets. If full economic integration of the European Community next year means what it says, the French are going to have to put their revolting peasants in order. Like a rose, an onion is an onion is an onion, even if it comes from Turkey. If Breton onions are better, the way to prove that is in the market place, not the ambush.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Confusion over care for elderly

From Mr Frank H. Withers

Sir, The financing of the well-being of our country's elderly is a major problem that has not been solved. Although many people prefer not to think about it, most will have to face the problem for their relations and themselves at some time.

Less than a year after the present general election and the May local elections the government of the day and each local government will preside over a revolutionary change in the financing of many of the country's elderly.

On April 1, 1993, the "buck" is proposed to be passed from central government to local authorities to assess individual needs for all elderly people who need care and state financial support and who had not started to receive it before April.

Local authorities will then arrange to meet the cost of the residential or nursing care for homes to which a local authority official decides to give a contract. That is unless the local authority official decides domiciliary care is practicable. Then, it appears, the local authority will, after the official's discussion with "users and carers", issue its directive as to where the elderly person will be sent if state

financial support is needed.

In spite of this awesome responsibility and power proposed to be given to sometimes quite junior local authority officials, many of the details as to how the new regime is to operate have not been worked out. That has become clear in the efforts of a number of homes that have been attempting to find out the details under which they will be working in order to make investment and other business decisions.

Even more serious, it does not appear that sufficient consideration has been given to what happens to the residents of a good home that goes bankrupt because it does not receive, or loses, a contract from a local authority due to a change of council policy; the responsibilities and sol-utions of local authorities that run out of funds, for evictions of the elderly and damages for breach of con-tract; what is adequate domiciliary care and what would it cost; and why support appears to be being given to the creation of monopoly power and direction by officials in place of

It would be helpful if the parties would make clear their solutions to this issue of the well-being of the elderly that will face us ali.

Yours faithfully, F. H. WITHERS (Chairman); North London and Hertfordshire Residential Care Homes Association. 87 Lyonsdown Road.

New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

On thin ice

From the Leader of Richmond upon Thames Council Sir. Contrary to your report today

that "... orange posters in Rich-mond remind the electorate of the deeply unpopular Liberal Democratcontrolled council", a recent Mori opinion survey in Richmond upon Thames showed that 61 per cent of the 840 residents sampled were satisfied with the way the council is running the borough, with 19 per cent dissatisfied. This survey was done in January, immediately following the closure of the privately-owned Richmond ice rink which your reporter suggests as a reason for the council's "unpopularity".

Yours faithfully, DAVID WILLIAMS, Leader, London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.

March 31. From Baroness Hamwee

Sir, Local people in Richmond and Liberal Democrat council was sad to see the closure of Richmond ice rink and that it has made strenuous efforts to help the owners find an alternative site. It had agreed the redevelopment of a council-owned swimming pool site, to incorporate a new ice rink, when central government stepped in and objected on traffic grounds. The then Conservative MP felt it was appropriate to refer the matter to Whitehall, who stopped a well worked up and detailed scheme.

The council continues to seek the building of a replacement and is in discussion with the National Skating Association to this end. No one can be surprised that a local authority cannot itself afford to build an ice rink to replace one which private operators could not keep open.

Yours faithfully, SALLY HAMWEE, House of Lords. March 31.

Promises, promises

From Mr J. A. Fowler

Sir. This morning I received a buffcoloured envelope marked "Election Communication" with nothing in it. An apt reflection of the campaign so far, I think

Yours faithfully. J. A. FOWLER, Glenhill Cottage. 71 Liverpool Road. Walmer, Deal, Kent.

The need for an engineering 'Oscar' From Sir Alan Muir Wood.

FRS, FEng

industry.

strategy.

flourish.

Yours faithfully,

Franklands,

March 30.

ALAN MUIR WOOD,

Pangbourne, Berkshire.

Sir, While the case has been strongly

made by Sir Christopher Cockerell

(letter, March 19) and others for

purposeful encouragement of our

engineering talents, a central issue

remains to be stated. Engineering

ability represents the most important

resource for industry and its support-

in a recession, nor in a period of

excessive expansion when, as we

have experienced in the 1980s, quick

profits of speculative investment

deny funding to the surer but longer-

termed returns from prosperous

Design - the continuous thread

through all engineering enterprise —

represents the essential art. Design

represents the effective synthesis of analytical and creative elements.

Engineering design at present en-

counters the barriers between

schools' streaming of arts and sci-

ence, the universities' excessive concentration on analysis, the inad-

equate resources applied to training.

Over-centralised departmental

government is another particular impediment to good engineering. Departmental objectives rarely ad-

dress issues in terms of systems: in

consequence the short-term depart-

mental needs override national

Regional government could well contribute, with the future prosperity

of a region being addressed as a

whole Communications, city plan-

ning, amenities, education, are then

seen as some of the features to attract

industry which will, as a part of the

system, provide further contribution

to investment for the future. This is

an environment in which engineer-

ing, and all that it enables, can

These issues are well understood.

Engineering can flourish neither

From Mr Brian Warnes

Sir, The CBI article on British industry (Business, March 26) says: The UK has roughly 1 per cent of the world's population, produces 4 per cent of world output and sells 5.6 per cent of world exports . . . If the UK could win an extra 1 per cent of world trade, increasing our manufactured exports about £10 billion a year, we would eliminate our trade deficit...

Our share of the main manufacturing countries' exports rose from 7.9 per cent in 1985 to 8.7 per cent in 1990, reversing 40 years of steady decline. Growth in UK value added per employee in the Eighties was second only to Japan.

At the centre of these achievements lie some fine management teams. And at the centre of those management teams lie the product-design and production engineers who make it all possible the "product" people, without whose skill and ingenuity (the definitive meaning of "engineer") manufacturing industry simply could not exist.

But they need to be singled out and motivated. We need a sort of en-gineering "Oscar" for a whole range of product-design and production success, awarded annually, giving Immediate recognition. Just like their entertainment counterparts.

And the rewards can be just as great, both to the individual and to the companies that employ them. The literally billions of turnover our leading companies, like ICI or BOC or Rolls-Royce, generate are all product-based.

Properly done, an "extra 1 per cent of world trade" should by no means be outside our grasp. (Coupled with other factors, like a possible crash programme for ensuring all engineers and sales people do properly understand the principles of business, so they can perform in the financial, as well as the product context, but that is a separate issue.)

Yours sincerely, B. C. J. WARNES (Managing Director). Business Dynamics Ltd., 13 Blackheath Village, SE3. March 30.

To buried merit . . .

From Mr Russell J. Mailoch

Sir, The valuable work carried out by English Heritage in setting up public memorials to eminent men and women from this country was recalled in your report relating to the blue plaque for Charles Morgan (photograph and caption, March 26). These plaques add interest to places which are often unremarkable by recording the emergence of what became great talent from the setting of an ordinary street.

The 90th anniversary of the creation of the most prestigious of all British honours, the Order of Merit, fails on June 23, 1992. The Order was established by King Edward VII, and its annals contain the names of many people of distinction: naval and military commanders such as Kitchener, Haig and Mountbatten; politicians of the standing of Lloyd George, Churchill and Attlee; scientists and Nobel laureates such as Adrian, Florey and Blackett.

Others members of the Order include Holman Hunt, Ben Nicholson and Henry Moore as representatives of art; literary men of the standing of Thomas Hardy, John Galsworthy and T. S. Eliot; Elgar,

Vaughan Williams and Britten from the world of music; Bertrand Russell, the philosopher, Frederick Ashton, the choreographer, Edwin Lutyens, the architect, Baden-Powell of scouting fame; and many more.

Several members of the Order have aiready been commemorated by public memorials, located in places from Westminster Abbey to remote rural hamlets. To mark this 90th anniversary, could not English Heritage, with the active participation of corresponding bodies in Scotland, Wales and Ulster, set up some form of memorial in the city, or town, or village of birth of 150-or-so members of the Order appointed since 1902?

Such a project would serve two purposes - lasting testimonial to outstanding public service and professional achievement and additional interest to towns and villages throughout the country, from Portsmouth (birthplace of George Meredith) to Whittinghame in East Lothian (Arthur Balfour) and Tenby in Pembrokeshire (Augustus John). Yours faithfully.

R. J. MALLOCH, 11 Falkland Street, Glasgow. March 27.

Christians and Jews

From Mr Hyam Maccoby

Sir, Piers Paul Read (Saturday Review, Books. March 28), says that "the Jewish leaders ... ordered the stoning of Stephen, tried to murder St Paul and, according to the account of Josephus, took advantage of the absence of a Roman governor to arrange the judicial murder of James the Just". In fact, Josephus says that the

Jewish religious leaders (who, from the context, can only be the Pharisees) strongly opposed the murder of James, which was brought about unilaterally by Ananus, the High Priest (Antiquities, xx. 201). Similarly, the Pharisees opposed the High Priest's attempts to condemn Peter (Acts 5) and Paul (Acts 23).

The High Priest in all these cases was acting as the appointed repre-sentative of Roman power, he had no religious authority among the Jews who regarded him as a mere ceremonial official, who, besides being a collaborator with the Roman invaders, was also a heretic (being a Sadducee). These cases also throw light on the

cases of Stephen and of Jesus himself. The Gospel of John makes it quite clear that the alleged Sanhedrin trial of Jesus never happened, and that Jesus was condemned by the High Priest alone after an interrogation.

The unhistorical stereotype of Jew-

Plea from Sverdlovsk

From Mr J. I. Morris

Sir, In the light of Bernard Levin's remarks ("What about the workers?", March 30) on Mrs Likhoda's appeal for advice on setting up her business in Sverdlovsk (letter, March 9). I thought that your readers would like to know that I have today written to Mrs Likhoda to invite her to visit Britain as our guest, to learn how to establish a successful small business.

Mr Levin is right to stress that it is help with the basics which is needed; we are also preparing guidance for others in Mrs Likhoda's position which we shall publish in Russian

ish religious persecution of Christians makes it difficult for many Christians to grasp, or assess in its true proportions, the historical reality, which is the Christian persecution of the Jews.

Yours faithfully, HYAM MACCOBY, Leo Baeck College, 80 East End Road, N3.

From Mr Andrew Wilski

Sir. Piers Paul Read's eloquent riposte to certain Jewish voices is clearly marked by Christian humility, but above all the historical controversies one point ought to be persistently emphasised in disputes between Christians and Jews, which is that no persecution, cruelty or hatred towards the Jews or any other people could stem from the true Christian doctrine which at its very heart, and without any compromise, has the commandments of love, forgiveness and tolerance.

The real causes of "Christian" misbehaviour towards the Jews or other people were always national, political and economic while Christian teaching, of its very nature, invariably moderated such reactions. This also explains the Jewish tropism towards Christians and the fact that a great majority of Jews have lived and survived among Christians. Yours sincerely

ANDREW WILSKI. 4 Berkeley Road, Mount Sion, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

and distribute to new entrepreneurs in the countries of the former Soviet Union.

These practical steps are part of this institute's general programme of assistance to those in central and Eastern Europe who are wrestling with the problems of moving to a marker economy.

Yours etc. J. I. MORRIS (Chairman, General Practitioner Board), Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, PO Box 433, Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2. March 31.

Adoption and the voluntary sector

From Miss Dora Bryan and others Sir, Although we are all in the "public eye", most people will not know that all of us, in one way or another, have experienced adoption first hand — whether as parents or as

children. This year marks 100 years of adoption by NCH (National Children's Home). Over the century NCH has found happy and loving families for over 8,000 children and the charity is proud of its role in the development of adoption practice.

Adoption - Reviewing the Record, a report produced today to mark the anniversary, has confirmed what we already knew from personal experience — that the role of an agency like NCH is vital in the adoption process. Support and help is needed if the most straightforward

adoption is to be a success. When you remember that nearly all of today's adoptees are children with very special needs - the abused. the battered, the emotionally damaged and the severely disabled - the need for these services becomes even more obvious. Many adoptions simply would not work without such

The government rightly demands that post-adoption services should be offered to ensure that adoptions work and that children who have already suffered rejection once in their young lives are not subjected to the trauma

of a repeat experience.

Invariably, however, it is the voluntary sector which carries the financial burden. The £8,000 fee paid by local authorities is simply not enough: NCH spends on average a minimum of £13,000 per child to ensure a successful adoption. After 100 years of learning about adoption, NCH is in a position to know what is needed for the future if children who cannot be cared for by their birth parents are to be successfully adopted.

The new government should take a hard look behind NCH's success. amend the national guidelines accordingly and be prepared to back them up with the cash necessary for all agencies to do the job properly.

Yours sincerely, DORA BRYAN, GEORGE COLE, JUSTIN FASHANU, JOAN LESTOR. DAVID STEEL NCH, Central Office. 85 Highbury Park, N5. April 1.

Early poll tax

From Mr G. H. Townend Sir. You reported on March 27 or councils collecting direct debit poll tax instalments earlier to improve cashilow and some borrowings.

A single yearly poll tax payment in advance makes savings both in interest and collection charges for the council. Many councils already offer a reasonably generous discount to the poli tax payer to compensate for loss of interest - bringing advantage to both parties.

Yours faithfully. G. H. TOWNEND, 2 Southside, Church Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire. March 28.

Saving graces

From Mr Geoffrey R. Jackson

Sir. In her article on graces and favours (Life & Times, March 27), Libby Purves quotes: "O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge, stiff, stodgy and hard to stir; but like cornilakes, crisp, fresh and ready to

There's a Scottish version which reads: "O Lord, grant that we may not be like comflakes, lightweight, brittle and cold, but like porridge, warm, comforting and full of natural goodness."

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY R. JACKSON, 29 Constable Court. Chaseley Drive, Chiswick, W4.

From the Reverend Canon D. G. Richards

Sir, At luncheon I use the grace, "God bless this bunch that munch this lunch." Geoffrey Fisher, on his appointment to the see of Chester, was given only one piece of advice by his predecessor. "Only say grace when potatoes are served."

Yours faithfully, DEREK RICHARDS, The Rectory, Llandudno, Gwynedd, March 27.

From Mrs M. E. Berry

Sir. A notable omission from the article is the "Selkirk Grace" with its meaningful message to all Scots. Some hae meat and canna eat.

And some wad eat that want it: But we hae meat and we can eat. And sae the Lord be thankit.

("Meat" in this context being one's daily food!) Yours faithfully, MARGARET E. BERRY. 20 Park Crescent.

Harrow, Middlesex.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 1: The Queen received the Bishop of Gloucester (the Right Reverend Peter Ball) who was introduced into Her Majesty's presence by the Rt Hon Kenneth Baker (Secretary of State for the Home Department) and did homage upon his appointment. The Secretary of State for the

Home Department administered the Oath. The Right Reverend John Waine (Clerk of the Closet to The Oucen) and the Household in

Vaiting were in attendance. His Excellency Mr S. M. Tuita and Princess Pilolevu Tuita were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Tongs in London.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Presi-

lent. Central Council of Physical Recreation, chaired the Annual General Meeting followed by a meeting of the Executive Committee, at the National Westminster Hall, Old Broad Street, London EC2.

His Royal Highness, Honorary Member, this evening attended a Dinner to mark the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Tiger Club at London House, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis

was in attendance. The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning attended the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting in Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, London SWI and later gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, Chairman, this evening held a meeting of The Duke of Edinburgh's Special Projects Group at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Scamen, departed from Royal Air Force Lyncham this morning to undertake engagements in Antwerp.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, later returned to Royal Air Force Lymcham, was received by the Station Commander (Group Captain D. Adams) and was presented with a donation for the Save the Children Fund. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

KENSINGTON PALACE April 1: The Prince of Wales, sident, Marine Conservation Society, this evening gave a Reception in aid of the Society at Kensington Palace.

Dinners

Technology Lord Dainton, Chancellor of Sheffield University, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion of the Foundation for Science and Technology held last night at the university. Dr Eoin Lees, Mr Peter Ibbotson and Professor Ian

Felis also spoke. High Sheriff of Surrey The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and Mrs Thornson attended a dinner given by Colonel and Mrs James Malcolm last night at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, in honour of the High Sheriff of Surrey and Mrs Lee-Sucre. The Chairman of Surrey County Council and Mrs Brigstocke were among the

Royal Institute of British Mr G. Oldham, Chaleman of the Northern region of the Royal

A service of thanksgiving for the

life of Carole Keig will be held in the Chapel of the Royal Navai

College, Greenwich on Friday, June 12, at 2.30pm. All are

welcome. Those wishing to attend should contact Head of Defence Studies (RN), Royal Naval Coll-ege, London, SE10 9NN.

The infant son of Mr Eric and the

Carole Keig

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Wilson)

(Mrs Gordon

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception given by the Battle of Britain Memorial Fund as the Savoy

Rosanna della

Mon Mis Koops was paptised William Quintin Eric at The Crypt Chapel. Palace of Westminster, yesterday by the Relichard McLaren. The go parents are Mrs Christian Brodi Mrs Charles Goodall, Mrs Jusepn Kelly, Mr Francis Gilbert, Mr John van Kuffeler and Group

Institute of British Architects, presided at a reunion dinner held last night at Durham Castle for past chairmen and past presidents of the Northern Architectural Archite tural Association.

Savile Club The Savile Club neld a Discussion Dinner at 69 Brook Street on Wednesday night at which Mr Martin Gilbert spoke on Chur-chill. Mr Roger Smith was in the Chair and 104 Savilians and

Service dinner

St Nazaire Society The 50th anniversary dinner of the St Nazaire Society was held last night at the Royal Duchy Hotel, Falmouth, Mr Michael Burn presided. Viscount and Admiral P. Garibal, French Defence Attaché, were smong those

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of Save the Children Fund, will attend the Children in Cities grand final reception at Mer-chant Taylors' Hall at 6.15.

(née Curling) A service for Mrs Rosanna della Casa will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 3.30pm at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham,



Headlines galore will confront the Queen when she visits the V&A's Sovereign exhibition today

Queen's visit to memory lane

By ROBIN YOUNG

TODAY the Queen, accompanied by members of the Royal Family, will be able to take a guided tour of her life to date. They will be attending a private preview of the Victoria & Albert Museum's exhibition, Sovereign, which opens to the public on Friday.

The show, arranged at high speed and relatively low cost to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, is the most ambitious exhibition ever devoted to the life and work of a ruling monarch.
Viscount Norwich, curator of the exhi-

bition for its designers, the Royal College of Art, said yesterday as finishing touches were put in place: "People flocked to see the Tutankhamun show which was about a dead king. Now they have an opportunity to see an equally spectacular

opportunity to see an equally spectacular one centred on our own living Queen."
The exhibition, occupying three of the V&A's largest rooms, has 40 purpose built displays with over 1,200 exhibits and 500 photographs. Among the objects on show which have never been displayed to the public before are the

the Franks and Holy Roman

Emperor 801-14, Aix-a-Chapelle

(!), 742 (!); Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, Venice, 1725; Hans

Christian Andersen. Odense, Denmark. 1805: William Holman Hunt, painter, member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brocher-hood, London, 1827: Emile Zola,

novelist and critic, Paris, 1840;

Max Ernst, Surrealist painter and sculptor, Brühl, Germany,

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charlemagne, king of DEATHS: Honort Mirabeau,

politician and orator, Paris, 1791; Richard Cobden, "The

Apostle of Pree Trade", London,; 1865; Samuel Morse, painter

oode of that name, New York, 1872; C.S. Forester, novelist, Fullerson, California, 1966;

Georges Pompidou, President of

Argentinian forces invaded and

occupied the Falklands, 1982.

France 1969-74, Paris, 1974.

Queen's coronation gown and robes, eight complete settings from the gold plate dinner service used at state banquets, family photographs including snaps taken by the Queen herself, a selection from the Duke of Edinburgh's personal collection of cartoon originals relating to the Royal Family, and the new Commonwealth mace and 50 gob lets designed by Professor Gerald Benney which are to be presented to the Queen in October by the Royal Anniver-

The latest in infrared technology will provide every visitor to the show with sound effects and commentary in English, Prench or German through a lightweight receiver which keeps pace with their progress through the displays. The sound effects used include the Queen's broadcast from Buckingham Palace as a young girl, the radio announcement of her accession, the Commation broadcast from Westminster Abbey, recordings from Commonwealth tours, and popular

music of the past four decades.

The exhibition has been arranged in ten months at a total cost of about £1.5 million, though the items on display are

worth "hundreds of millions" according to the organisers. "It would not have been possible," said Jocelyn Stevens, rector of the Royal College of Art, "had not so many people, including particularly the Queen henself, been ready to lend us such fabulous objects to put on

One room is devoted to the royal art collection, including paintings by Van Dyck, Stubbs, Landseer and Gainsborough and drawings by Poussin and Leonardo da Vinci. The Queen's personal taste in art is reflected in the contem porary pictures, including paintings by Alan Davie, Sidney Nolan and Ivan Hitchens, chosen to hang on the walls of a suite at Windsor Castle redesigned by Sir Hugh Casson in 1960.

Rooms at Windsor, Balmoral and Sandringham have been recreated with-in the exhibition by Paul Dyson, using the Queen's furniture, paintings, decora-tions and carpets. The Windsor room even has a model corgi which appears to breathe in its sleep.

The exhibition will continue until Sep.

tember 13 with an admission price of £6, and concessionary rates.

Birthdays today

Sir Jack Brabham, racing driver, 66: Mr Linford Christie, athlete, 32; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 74; Captain Sir Richard Dobbs, Lord Lieumenant of Co Antrim, 73; Mr Leslie Parrer-Brown, former chairman, Alli-ance Building Society, 88; Sir Christopher Prance, civil servant, 58; Miss Catherine Gaskin, author, 63: Mr Raymond Gubbay, concert promoter, 46: Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 78: Viscount Hambleden, 62: Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 55; Sir Ian

Hunter, impresario, 73; Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 52; Str. Peter Lazarus, civil servant, 66; Sir Peter Middleton, civil servant, 58; Sir Robert Munro, tormer president, Senate of Fiji, 85; the president, Senate of Fiji, 85; the Marquess of Northampton, 46; Major General C.J. Popham, 65; Mr. M.G. Rizzello, sculptor and coin designer, 66; Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman, British Gas, 68; Lord Skelmersdale, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Thompson, 61; Miss Sue Townsend, webset 46. son, 61; Miss Suc writer, 46.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Cornich and Miss C. Slept The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs E. Cornish, of Bishopstone. Seaford, East Sussex, and Claire, daughter of Dr and Mrs G. Singer, of Amberley, West Sussex.

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Mr P.G. Erhand and Miss S.J. Procter The engagement is announced between Philip Erhardt, of Esher. Surrey, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Proceer, of

Groombridge, East Sussex. Mr C.J.G. Florde and Miss G.R. Forge The engagement is announced between Charles John Graham.

only son of Colonel J.P.I. Fforde. CBE, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the Lady Jean Fforde, of Brodick, Isle of Arran, and Gillan Rosamund, only daughter of Mr John Forge, of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and the late Mrs Margaret Forge.

Mr R.F.T. FitzPatrick and Miss C.A.N. Miller The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Colonel and Mrs C.S. FitzPatrick. of Dedham, Essex, and Clare, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Miller, of Kensington,

Mr J.P. Pitadall and Miss S.A.H. Duggan The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.W.S. Flindall, of

Radlett, Hertfordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.T. Duggan, of Wahon-on-Mr I.C. Gran and Miss J.M. Segar The engagement is announced between Ian Charles, elder son of

Mr John Grant, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Mrs Sylvia Northwood, of Ashford, and Jennifer Marian, younger daughter of Dr Alan Segar, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Segar, of Bournemouth. Hampahire

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The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Lord Guest, of Graden, and of the Lady Guest, of Edinburgh, and Jane, daughner of the late Mr E.B.J. Polglase and of Mrs Beth Polglase, formerly of Roningdean and now of Weston-under-Penyard, Herefordshire.

Mr J.P.P. Harwood and Mass 2. Srown
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Captain and Mrs Stephen Harwood. of Catherington, Hampshire, and Susan, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Brown, of Bramhope, West Vockehing.

Mr LB, Henders and Miles V.C. Pallers

The engagement is announced between Iain, younger son of the late Mr Thomas Henderson and of Mrs Henderson, of High Laggary, Rhu, Dunbartonshire, and Victoria, second daughter of the late Mr Robin Railes and of Mrs Robin Railes and of Mrs Raikes, of 3 Denham Green Place. Edinburgh.

Mr A. Karimjee

Miss M. Alam

The engagement is announced between Azim, son of the late Dr Shokat Karimjee and of Mrs Munira Rarimjee, of London, and Mitra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bashir ul Alam, of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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Mr N. Le Cornu and Miss L. Aye Manng The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Basil Le Cornu, of

La Marquanderie, Jersey, and Lorraine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Aye Maung, of Epsom, Surrey.

Mr P.S. Morrissey and Mrs C.E. Roberts The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Dr and Mrs Declan Morrissey, of Snodland, Kent, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Colin Clarke and of Mrs William Hemphill, of Tubac. Arizona.

Mr J.P.R. Rylands and Miss J.M. Cox The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between James, younger twin son of Lieuenant Commander and Mrs David Rylands, of Burcombe, Salisbury, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Cox, of Devooshire,

Bermuda. Mr R.B. Savage and Miss S. Linell and Miss S. Linell
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Stephen Savage, of Stadhampton, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Anne Randolph Dyer, of London, SW7, and Sasha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Marcus itself to seden NW3.

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Marriages Mr T. Harry and Dr F. Gelder The marriage took place on Saturday, March 28, at Merton College Chapel, Oxford, of Mr Timothy Harry, son of Mr and Mrs William Harry, of Abergavenny, to Dr Fiona Gelder, daughter of Professor and Mrs M.G. Gelder, of Oxford, The

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Rev Mark Everitt officiated. The bride was given marriage by her father and was amended by Dr Lia Cristofoli and Miss Julia Farr. Mr Philip Davies was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the

honeymoon will be spent in the Mr A.J. Netsoo and Miss F. Byron
The marriage took place on
March 28, at St Joseph's
Church, Millfield, Sunderland, of Alexander Nelson to Frances

Byron.
The bride was attended by Elaine Lister and Saralie Neison. Mr Nell Herben was best man. A reception was held at The Great Hall, Durham Castle.

Mr R.M. Willan and Mrs S.A. Tasney

The marriage of Mr Richard Willan and Mrs Sara Tasney, of Barnes, London, SW13, eventually took place on Friday, March 27, 1992, at Richmond. Surrey.

Royal Society
Or Fran Balkwill of the Imperial
Cancer Research Fund delivered
a lecture to the Royal Society
yesterday at 6 Carton House Terrace. Dr Anne McLaren, foreign secretary of the society.

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DEATHS BARLING - On March 28th.
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of Tony. She founded the
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Reserve. Memorial Service at
Alfrick Church on May 2nd
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SI Mary's Church. Alfrick or
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BILTON - On March 30th, Jeansfer Elizabeth (Jeanma) aged 27 years, at the Royal aged 27 years, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital after a short illness. Funeral at St. Mary's. Stopham. West Suesex, at 2 pm Saturday April 4th Flowers if desired or donations either to: The New To London Project or Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o The Family. 11 Stopham House. DEATHS

REENTON - On April 1st 1992, Markerie Pengs/heioved wife of the late Lt. Col. Scrope Egerton H.L.I. Much loved mother of Sarah, Susie and Kallarire, grandmother and great grandmother and great grandmother. Fumeral Service Monday April 6th at 2.30 pm Hindon Partin Church, Family flowers only, Donallons, if wished, lo be divided between the Motor Neurons Disease Association and South Wilss Family Support Service, c/o G.E. Johnson Fumeral Directors, 41 High Street, Shallesbary.

suddenly at home, John aged 64, dear father of John and Richard, much loved grandfather and dear brother of Betty. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Nantwich on Monday April 6th at 10.30 and cremation at Carmountaide, Stoke-op-Trent. Family flowers only.

GOTCH - On March 30th, Elizabeth 'Billy' Certrude (sée Smith), dearly loved mother of Linnet. Shella and Adam, grandmother of Any, Ben, Luciano, Euma, Orion, Ruhy and Jack. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium 3pm Monday April 6th. Family Bowers, but if desired donations to Talking Books. for me Sund.

KOLSERT - On March 28th
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NELSON - On March 31st. peacefully in Lymington, Li. Col. H.O. "Bill" Nelson R.T.R. (Reid.) aged 82. Husband of Elizabeth, father of Robin, Philippa and Nitid., Funeral Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday April 10th at 2.30pm. Family, Gowers only, donations if desired for Lymington Hospital Nursen may be sent r.O. F.w. House and Sons F/D. Lymington.

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VERY-FITZERALD - On March 26th 1992, pencutuhy after a long and courageous fight. Miriam, aged 80 years, only daughter of Affred 2nd Mary Stevens, widow of Brian, mother of John and Jennifer, and much loved grandmother, sister and friend. Private grandition service. Family Bowers only by request, but departion in The Salvation Army c/o H.C. Putrich 200. 36 East Street. Familiam Surrey GU9 7TP. bit 102529 714884. Service of Thenksglying at St Thomason-the Bourne, Familiam, at 2nn on Monday April 27th.

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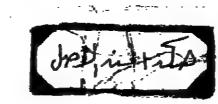
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OBITUARIES

Prince George Galitzine, businessman and Russian historian, died in Belgravia, London, on March 31 aged 75. He was born in Tiflis, now Tbilisi, Georgia, on May 3, 1916.

GEORGE Galitzine dressed and spoke like an English gentleman. The courtesy with which he invariably behaved was equally English. But his heart belonged to Russia. The Russian blood that ran through his veins could scarcely have been purer. His mother was a direct descendant of Catherine the Great, while on his father's side the Galitzines and the Romanovs could argue with one another over which family had the longer pedigree.

In 1919, when George was three, the Galitzines had to leave Russia swiftly in the wake of the revolution. They went, with little more than the clothes in which they stood, on a British ship first to Odessa, then to Italy and eventually to Paris, which appeared to be the natural place of asylum for Tsarist refugees. The Galitzines decided otherwise and opted for Britain as the country most likely to give their young family a proper education.

Prince Vladimir Galitzine began by farming, none too successfully, in Surrey. He found much more success with a high class antiques shop specialising in Russian objets, and George's public school fees, first at Lancing and then at St Paul's, were sometimes rendered in paintings. Russian dancers began visiting the Galitzine house and started George

Galitzine's lifelong love of the ballet. Among the non-Russian dancers Pat (Anton) Dolin became an espe-

cial family friend. A scholarship took Galitzine to Brasenose and while he was at Oxford he was awarded the medal of the Royal Humane Society. In 1936 he was on holiday in Scotland when an aircraft crashed close by at sea. Galitzine, a powerful swimmer, took to the waters and rescued the pilot. A short period in journalism, including a spell on The Sunday Referee. was interrupted by the war, when he was commissioned in the Welsh Guards and spent most of his time in intelligence as a "Whitehall warrior". Good use was made of his six

European languages.
In 1943 he married Anne-Marie von Slatin, by whom he had two sons and a daughter. The marriage

was later dissolved.

After the war George Galitzine had a chance to develop his diplomatic and entrepreneurial skills. He worked for six years in India and Pakistan, part of the time under the aegis of the Conservative government minister Walter Monckton, before joining Plessey in 1953 as sales manager. In the late 1950s his name was linked with the ice-skating star Belita, who was appearing in the musical Damn Yankees. But a proposed marriage was suddenly

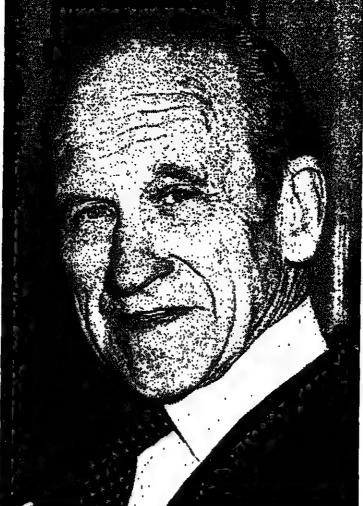
Instead, in 1963 George Galitzine married in the Russian Orthodox Church in Rome Jean Dawnay, former Dior model and familiar panellist on the television show What's My Line?, who was just beginning to make a name for herself as an actress in plays such as A Hatful of Rain. His most successful business venture came with Rank in the early days of the Xerox copying machine. He helped establish offices in France and Italy before in 1961 he made his first return (for Rank) to the Russia he had left so abruptly over forty years before.

PRINCE GEORGE GALITZINE

Thereafter he missed no opportunity to return to his native land. The best of these came after his retirement from British Steel in 1974. He first took a group of businessmen there but soon realised cultural tours could be rather more interesting. His deep knowledge of Russian history and art suddenly came to the fore and he found himself in great demand as guest lecturer from companies such as Serenissima and Jules Verne. The outcome was Imperial Splendour: Palaces and Monasteries of Old Russia, published last year and swiftly translated into French, German and Italian.

In Russia itself, and especially in St Petersburg, George Galitzine became something of a returning hero. He was regularly called "Tovaritch Kriaz" (Comrade Prince), a fairly contradictory form of address which gave him much pleasure.

His daughter, Katya, by his second wife, now lives in St Petersburg and is closely involved in the arts there. Galitzine was in St Petersburg at the time of the coup against Gorbachev and was immediately placed before the TV cameras as a man who had consistently helped reopen those windows on to the



WINNIE WOOLDRIDGE

Winnie Wooldridge, nee Winifred Mason Shaw, who represented Britain in the team championships of international tennis and later became a Scottish international golfer, died of cancer on March 30 aged

45. She was born at Clarkston, Glasgow, on January 18, 1947.

THAT exemplary adornment of British and international tennis affectionately known as Winnie or "Fred" was a stout-hearted competitor who never felt sorry for herself and never complained about her luck - qualities never more evident than they were in the brave last 14 months of her life after the discovery of a brain tumour that was uitimately terminal. Had her character and career been summarised in terms of a school report she would have effort and achievement plus marks for conduct and neatness.

Winnie's mother was twice Scottish champion and her father was a journalist. In 1964 and 1965 she won British junior championships in singles and doubles and from 1966 to 1972 she played for Britain. In the world team championship for the Federa-



one of her five doubles.

For most of this period she

was tucked in behind Ann

Jones and Virginia Wade at

tion Cup she won nine out of won one of her six singles and 13 singles and six out of ten doubles and in the Wightman Cup contest against formidable United States teams she

but she shook her head. He tried again, assuming she had mis-heard him. Whereupon she walked to the umpire's chair and told him. politely but firmly: "I'm Scottish and I am representing Great Britain, not England. She reached the Wimbledon singles quarter-finals un-

seeded in two consecutive years, 1970 and 1971, and advanced to the 1972 doubles semi-finals with her compatriot, Joyce Williams. She also contested Australian sin-ales semi-finals in 1970 and 1971 and shared runner-up honours in two French doubles finals: the mixed in 1971 and the women's in 1972. She was probably at her

the head of the British

rankings. Although seldom

one to make a fuss, Winnie

occasionally found it neces-

sary to take a stand. Proudly

Scottish, she demurred when

a Greek umpire introduced

her as "Shaw, representing England," during the 1969

Federation Cup tournament

in Athens. The umpire turned

to her for a confirming nod

best in doubles, especially with more boisterously extrovert partners whose flamboyance was never allowed to get out of hand. Winnie had a dry wit and a penchant for telling one-liners. There was no non-

sense about her and no nonsense about her tennis. Her partnership with that bubbling humorist Pat Pretorius was a particular joy because they had so much fun together. Much of this was at their own expense. Both had good backhands and volleyed well but tended to live dangerously on the forehand and enjoyed their adventures on that

Winnie would have

achieved even more had she

been given a touch of arrogance and had not been such a delightful human being. Despondent after a Federation Cup defeat she confided to The Times that she did not think she was cut out for the higher reaches of the game. She was reminded of the thousands of contemporaries who had yearned for her career and the lifestyle she had achieved, and the lifeover the world. That second point was demonstrated in an embarrassing way — at least for the hospital — by the unprecedented cargo of flowers that came her way after an exploratory operation in Jan-

uary of last year. Winnie was quintessentially Scottish in her reluctance to suffer fools gladly and in her sense of duty and

decorum. In her relations with the press she was guarded and laconic but blunt and honest. Occasionally, especially in Paris, she was entertained to dinner by The Times but, when escorted back to her hotel, always made a point of stopping at some pavement cafe and buying two coffees and one cognac. She insisted on that. It was her equivalent of a formal thank-you note.

When her tennis career was over she became a familiar figure on the Wentworth and Worplesdon golf courses. She achieved an extraordinary handicap of plus 3 and played for Scotland. But she kept in touch with tennis, coaching British juniors and refereeing an inter-club tournament that, inevitably, ran like clockwork. In all this she had the support of her husband Keith, who himself had ten leading tennis players from 1964 to 1969.

Ultimately Winnie's com-posed, unflinching response to her illness attracted incredulous admiration from all those caring for her and from the host of friends gathered around her. That was typical. She was never a lady to throw a tantrum about a bad call. even on match point.

GRANVILLE WASTIE

Granville Wastie, GC, who won the Edward Medal flater translated to George Cross) for rescuing one of his brothers from a gasfilled well in 1929, has died aged 89. He was born in Oxfordshire on October

29, 1902,

GRANVILLE Wastie won his

Edward Medal for his persistent bravery in going down into a well full of poison gas. after two of his brothers and another man working there had been overcome by the fumes. The incident hap-pened on November 25, 1929, at North Leigh, Oxfordshire. Wastie's two brothers. Hector and Stanley, both bricklayers, were completing the brickwork on a new well which was 30 feet deep and three feet wide, when Hector was overcome by gas and fell unconscious into 30 inches of water at the bottom, His brother Stanley went to his assistance, but he suffered the same fate, toppling into the

Another workman, George Broughton, then attempted to descend the well by rope, but passed out halfway down and had to be hauled to the surface. Granville was fetched to the scene from his farm and, after tying a handkerchief over his face and roping himself, he descended the well and succeeded in bringing Stanley, alive, to the surface. He then went down a second time and brought up Hector who, however, was found to have drowned after



inhaling fumes. For his courage in going down the well twice, in extremely hazardous circumstances Wastie was awarded the Edward Medal, which was gazetted in June 1930.

Born in Oxfordshire, Granville Charles Wastie was educated at Witney Grammar School and worked as a builder from 1916 to 1922 before taking up farming. During the second world war he served in the Home Guard. He retired as a farmer in 1974 and was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977. Along with other holders of the Edward and Albert Medals, Wastie was invited to exchange his award for a George Cross in 1971 and his Edward Medal was presented to the Ashmolean Museum.

He was married with two

APPRECIATION

Clarence Wright

CLARENCE Wright (obituary March 21) did indeed cultivate his garden during his retirement to Alderney, but this was not his only activity. Amongst other work in the community, he also became a committed and influential member of the Alderney Music Society. In recognition of this work, after ill health forced Clarence to relinquish his duties, the society made him an honorary life member.

One of the duties of this office was to represent the society as the Alderney delegate on the co-ordinating committee of the Channel Islands Music Council, a posidon ne neia for some len years. His contribution to the development of the council was immense, drawing on first hand practical experience from his days as a professional musician, together with the intimate knowledge which Clarence had accumulated in dealing with all aspects of the music business.

Council meetings were never dull when Clarence was in attendance. Time after time, whilst making an observation on some serious issue, that



razor sharp wit and persiflage would come to the surface. which was delivered with impeccable timing reminiscent of his days working with Tommy Handley, and consequently reducing everyone present to helpless mirth.

In whatever project Clarence became involved, he approached his task with considerable diligence, and always revealed himself as the true professional. Clarence's advocacy, on behalf of Alderney's thriving musical community, has meant that the Island is a richer place because of his endeavours.

Mel Davison

1973

No horse can keep this up

under top weight was the general feeling, but Crisp and Pitman had other ideas. Over

the Melling Road for the second time and with 28 fences

behind them Crisp still had a

good 30 lengths to spare over Red Rum, while far back L'Escargot was making up his ground but with no chance of carching the two in front of

Fletcher, who won the 1968

Grand National on Red Alli-

gator, takes up the story: "When I was 25 lengths at least

behind Crisp at the Melling

Road, I thought I could never

get to him. At the last fence I was still 20 lengths behind, but

LANG HANCOCK

Langley George Hancock, pros-pector and iron ore magnate, died on March 27 aged 82. He was born on June 10, 1909, in Perth. Western Australia.

IN 1952 Lang Hancock did not expect anyone to believe he had accidentally found vast deposits of high grade iron ore in the Pilbara region of Western Australia's desolate North, so he kept the discovery to himself for ten years.

When at last he began to investigate how the find might be exploited, he did so cautiously without revealing its location. The mining industry scoffed. What did a sheep farmer, an amateur prospector, know about iron ore? State and federal governments ignored him: was he not aware that Australia had no iron ore deposits worth mining?

Single-handed, Hancock pursued developers and buyers overseas for another ten years. By 1974, when Hamersley Iron was fully operational, its new towns, ports and railways had transformed the Pilbara specracularly and Hancock was one of

the richest men in his country. Politicians and businessmen. affronted by his rasping no-nonsense style, called him the "Rogue Bull", but most Australians by then called him the King of the Pilbara and he did not mind that at all. Hancock spent his early years on a sheep station called Mulga Downs which sprawled over nearly three-quarters of a million acres. The family also owned a half million acre cattle station in the Hamersley Range. His playmates until the age of eight were aboriginal children, his nearest neighbours 50 miles away. His father sent him to Hale School in Perth which retains today a reputation for fostering academic excellence and open-mindedness.

Hancock the individual surfaced

early. He rejected his father's advice to study law and elected to farm the land his grandfather had carved out a hundred years earlier. But prospecting fascinated him too, and early in the 1930s, while hunting dingoes, he found a curiously bluestreaked rock. The family used it as a door stop for years unaware that it was raw blue asbestos. That find led him with an old schoolfriend. Peter Wright, to his first mining venture - an asbestos mine at Wittenoom. Years later, sued by employees, Hancock refused to accept that asbestos fibres caused a form of lung cancer. Even if that were true, he said, no one could make omelettes without breaking eggs.

In 1938 Hancock drove 1,000 miles from Pilbara to Perth. He



had to mend 17 punctures and overhaul the gearbox on the way. I was 60 miles from water when the starter-motor jammed and I had to mend that too. I decided then and there the only way to move around this country was to fly."

When he bought his first aircraft Hancock joked that prospecting by air left no tracks for competitors to follow. Bad weather during a flight in 1952 forced him down between the inhospitable 300ft ridges of the recalled: "The drive took six days. I Turner River Valley and he saw, for

the first time, rust red stains seeping down from the crags. Months later, when he explored the area on foot. Hancock found his iron Eldorado.

Lang Hancock was a man of intense and rough passions towards friends and enemies alike. He nelther smoked nor drank and showed little interest in personal possessions apart from his fleet of five aircraft. He gave generously but anonymously to charities, supported a secession movement for Western Australia and founded an extreme right wing political party which withered.

More recently, his determination to speak his mind honestly and his intolerance of those who chose not to agree with him ("eco-nuts and communists") put him seriously out of step with the environmentally conscious 1980s and 1990s. He once told a radio interviewer that half-caste aborigines should be directed to live only in the Outback where: "I would dope the water up so they'd become sterile and breed themselves out. I'm not talking of killing anyone. These people are no good to themselves and this is a practical, humane way to deal with them."

He seemed genuinely astonished and hurt that his announced dream of using nuclear explosions to blast new harbours and pulverise the ore - now earning royalties of \$10million a year - was damned and ridiculed nationwide.

Life changed in startling fashion for Hancock in 1983 when he married for the third time. His bride, Rose Lacson, was a Phillipine-born model aged 37. He was then 76 and he built a \$A30 million house for her called Prix d'Amour. Rose boasted last year that her husband still chased her around the bedroom when he came home from work. "I baby him," she

Until late last year, when he underwent arterial surgery in the United States, Hancock's personal drive seemed undiminished. His final, perhaps most controversial, international business deal was a barter arrangement four years ago with Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu, swapping iron ore for railway stock. The transaction outraged governments and seriously dismayed longtime friends. To those who protested that Ceausescu was a tyrant who ruled by murder, Hancock replied brusquely that he did not believe them.

He is survived by his wife, Rose, and a daughter of his late second

that Richard Pitman on Crisp was beaten three quarters of a length by Red Rum with L'Escargot, winner of two Gold Cups, 25 lengths away third. Seventeen of the 38 linished, and there was one fatal fall, that of Grey Sombrero at the Chair. Spanish Steps was

truthfully it can be said that the gallant second. Had the dis-

Proud Tarquin seventh.

The scorching pace Crisp set from the third fence was too much for all but Red Rum. There were superb jumps from Crisp at Beecher's both times. Even after three miles and a half he was still bowling along in front as though the 12 stone

on his back weighed no more than a bag of feathers.

ON THIS DAY

him.

This was the first of Red Rum's victories in the Grand National. He won the owing year carrying 12 stone, and after two years as runner-up, for a third time in 1977 by twenty-five lengths.

GRAND NATIONAL

FIRST AND SECOND EMERGE WITH EQUAL HONOUR By Jim Snow, Northern Racing Correspondent

On Saturday at Aintree the Grand National, run for the last time under the Topham flag after a reign of 136 years, produced a finish so spectacu-lar and dramatic that one was still rubbing the eyes an hour later in disbelief at the result.

The bare bones of the 1973 Grand National, run in a time nearly 19 seconds faster than Golden Miller's record, are fourth, Rouge Autumn fifth, Hurricane Rock sixth, and

This was a race in which first and second emerged with equal honours, as did the jockeys. Brian Fletcher, on the winner, and Pitman on the tance of the race been four miles 846 vards instead of four miles 856 yards Pitman on Crisp would have pulled off the £29.846 first prize.

was sail 20 lengths bearing, but then I could see Crisp was beginning to tire. On the long run in I thought I might catch him, and this I did some 20 yards before the winning post." At the Elbow, on the long run in. Crisp was still in command, but in the last 100 yards he started under his big weight to wander to the right, and the concession of 19 lb to Red Rum proved just that little too much. In spite of his ordeal Crisp had recovered completely

and in the words of his trainer, "Never left an oat." Result: Grand National Chase 3.15: 1. RED RUM (9-1 jt. favourite); 2. CRISP (9-1 JL fav); 3. UESCARGOT (11-1).

from his exertions yesterday,

Mr James Bidwell-Topham.

the Liverpool derk of the course, has been found guilty by the stewards of "gross negligence" because they considered that he altered the marking of the course between the times of the first and second divisions of the Coronation Hurdle on Friday without informing the stewards, officials and riders.

Three weeks later he was deared by the stewards of the Jockey Chib who accepted further evidence that no breach of the relevant rule had taken

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Kenneth George Theobald. of Hitchin, Herts £1,688,687. Mrs Winifred May Whyte. Dolphin Square, London SW1.....£841.785. Mrs Constance Margery Fryer, of Birmingham £681,592. Mr David Gordon Harrocks, of Longham, Dorset £1,902,495. Mrs Edith Marjorie Pollard, of

Hale Barns, Greater Manchester

Mrs Winifred Mildred Sanderson, of Caterham, Surrey 11.053,678 Mr Ronald Sicap, of Mayfield. East Stissey £547,955.

Church in Wales Diocese of Llandaff The Rev Paul J. Bennett, Curate of Tylorstown with Ynyshir, to be Vicar of the Parish of Llanwynno. Diocese of St Asaph The Ven John S. Davies, Archdeacon of St Asaph and Vicar of Mold to be Rector of Llandyrnog

and Llangwyfan in the diocese of Church of Scotland Ordination and Induction
The Rev David J Smith to Dysart.

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Church news

Retirements

The Rev William Gray from St Columba's, Kirkintilloch 10 Relief, Irvine. The Rev James Hosir from Burra Isle with Tingwall to Ardrishaig with South Knapdale. The Rev Robert J Mellis from Turbat to Shapinsay.

The Rev Alastair Brown from Glenmuick, Ballater, The Rev James Campbell from St James, Ayr. The Rev Charles A Duncan from Heriot with Stow St Mary of The Rev Walter A Lyall from Gartocham, Kilmaronock.

University news St Andrews

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following: LLD: Mrs Mary Robinson, Presi-DLitt: Ms Wilhelmina Bams-

Graham, artist; Professor Rosalind Mitchison, Scottish historian; Ms Fay Weldon, writer. DSC Professor Louise Johnson David Phillips professor of molecular biophysics and pro-fessorial fellow, Corpus Christi College, Oxford: Professor Brenda Milner, neuropsychologist: Baroness Warnock, formerly Mistress. Girton College,

DD: Professor Jane Dempsey Douglass, ecclesiastical historian.

Latest appointments include

Vice-Admiral R. T. Newman to be Flag Officer Plymouth, Naval Base Commander Devouport, Commander Central Sub Area Eastern Atlantic, and Com-mander Plymouth Sub Area Channel, in succession to Vice-

Captain N. E. Rankin, RN, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Commander British Forces Falkland Islands, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal P. G. Beer, in August.

Mr D. Dreher, on promotion to assistant under secretary, to be

Command Secretary, HQ United Kingdom Land Forces, from

Admiral Sir Alan Grose.

Judge Heather Steel to be a member of the Judicial Studies

Appointments

The following to be chairmen of district health authorities within the North West Tharnes Regional Health Authority: Mr Derek Bucknail (North West

Hertfordshire HA), Mr Philip Hendry (South Bedfordshire). Mrs Jenny Hughes (Parkside) and Mr Stephen Manhews Legal

Princes, statesmen, aristocrats and workers celebrate a true gentleman of a nobler age

Earl Spencer is laid to rest amid the dust of centuries

There was a sense of the feudal about Earl Spencer's funeral yesterday, of ancient rites played out by the vestiges of an old order. Father of the Princess of Wales he may have been, but in Great Brington he was lord of the manor, and his last journey was to the family vault to join 19 generations of his ancestors.

No day is better than another to leave this life, but the daffodils might as well be waving among the weathered grave-stones, the early spring sun enlivening the warm ironstone of a Northamptonshire country church, and the sheep grazing in an adjoining meadow. The steady knell of the church bells pierced the morning air of the village, thatched, near and kempt in the way that estate

Earl Spencer's cortege of seven black limousines crawled at walking pace up the estate road from the big house at Althorp, preceded and followed by Range Rovers full of plain-clothed police. His daughter's striking of the highest possible marriage in the land has its price. In the first car his widow and second wife Raine, Countess Spencer, sat with her stepson, Charles, who

wife Victoria. now chatchaine of

In the second car, his daughters Sarah and Jane, and in the third his daughter Diana, sombre in black broad-brimmed hat and black suit behind tinted windows. Beside her sat the Prince of Wales, who had dashed up from London by helicopter after a seemingly important meeting, and who was about to dash back again to take tea with the Crown Prince of Bahrain. The cortege drove through the lord of the manor's entrance at the back of the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, so that the mourners could decant out of sight of the crowd of tenants, villagers and newsmen crowding the gates.

Traditionally, the master was not to be watched at his devotions. On this occasion, however, many of the 200 places in church were reserved for workers and tenants of the Spencer estate. Francis Sitwell, son of Sachaverell, whose roots are deep in Northamptonshire, joined the congregation, as did Nigel Lawson, a more recent resident of those parts. The Earl's first wife, now Mrs Frances Shand-Kydd, was noticeably absent, as

finds himself the ninth earl, and his

Raine. Countess Spencer, and the ninth earl after the service

was his second mother-in-law, the novelist Barbara Cartland; she was otherwist engaged appearing on Spanish

On the grass outside lay wreaths in the yellows and whites of spring, one from the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales, one from the Queen Mother, but none so poignant as a bouquet of lilies and sweet peas bearing the message: "I miss you dreadfully, darling daddy, but will love you forever - Diana."

Death is the final arbiter of all argument, from which the Spencer family has suffered of late. The service was determinedly directed at family unity, at thanksgiving rather than mourning. at brightness rather than gloom. They sang bright hymns: the 23rd psalm. Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, and Onward Christian Soldiers. The earl's son was to have read the lesson. but appeared too overcome. His place was taken by Sir Robert Fellowes, the Queen's private secretary and a son-in-

Lord St John of Fawsley, a family friend, reminded the congregation that there were bickerings in every family. "Birds twitter and peck in their nests, even when they are gilded ones. But love is not so easily disarmed. Johnny (Spen-cer) loved all his family, but had a special affinity with the Princess of Wales." It was due to his second wife's devoted mursing during a serious heart attack 14 years ago, Lord St John said, that the earl had been able to experience the proudest moment of his life. walking up the aisle of St Paul's with Diana on his arm.

"He was in many ways not a 20th century figure, not even a 19th century one, but an illegal immigrant from the 18th century, when the aristocracy lived fully and at ease with their neighbours. He was the perfect gentleman, but one never afraid to speak openly about his emotions. The words of love were on his

s the oak coffin, surmounted by a Aspray of daffodils, was borne out to the rousing strains of I Vow To Thes My Country, the Princess of Wales and Countess Spencer, who had sat on opposite sides of the church, walked out supporting each other.

A smaller cottege moved through the front gate of the church, past a crowd of 150 silent villagers and an army of photographers constrained behind crush barriers, on its way to a private cremation attended only by the earl's widow and children.

In the next few days, they will raise a flagstone in the floor of the church's Spencer family chapel beneath its bat-tery of self-confident family monuits, its 400 Spericer coats of arms, and its ceiling resplendent with ban-ners and hatchments, and into the vault they will lower Earl Spencer's ashes to join the bones and mortal dust of five word about Johnny Spencer in Great



The Princess of Wales arriving with the prince for her father's funeral. The congregation was told that their wedding was Earl Spencer's proudest day

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Bush in plea for \$12bn aid package

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cally inadequate". Mr Nixon argued that real leaders fought to make unpopular causes popular. Mr Bush also timed the announcement to eclipse a major foreign policy speech demanding expanded aid which Bill Clinton, his likely Democratic presiden-tial challenger, delivered 30 minutes later in New York.

Mr Clinton said that Japan and Germany should be made permament members of the UN security council, and that Japan should pay a larger share toward the cost of the UN peacekeeping oper-ation currently deploying in Cambodia. The Arkansas governor claimed credit for finally prodding Mr Bush into action. Fending off reporters' questions, Mr Bush insisted his package was no "Johnny-come-lately thing", and had involved months of diplomatic effort.

The president's demand for more resources for the IMF came one day after the fund endorsed Russia's economic reform plan and signalled that it could become a full member eligible for loans of up to \$4 billion a year within matter of weeks.

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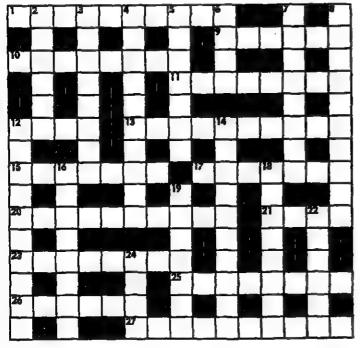
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Esso UK is the key company which has reduced its charitable giving by the largest amount — down 54.6 per cent to £1.59 million — ac-cording to the survey. Whitbread's giving dropped 51.4 per cent to £428,443.

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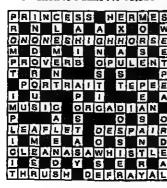
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- 13 Tedious bend was keen to get round it (4-6).
- 15 Tree lights captivated boy (7).
- 17 A dish for the King, one's Emperor (7). 20 Wilde's Lady of the Lake? (10).
- 21 Vagrant nearly discovered in car

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- 23 Looks for parthenogenesis ini-tially among flies (8). 25 Punishment is swift (8).
- 26 College leaver, we hear (6).
- 27 Halcyon piece written by Arch-bishop (10).

- 2 From tree, chorus of birds will keep sounding (2-4).
- 3 Canvas ripped as insult (8). 4 One without partner beginning to feel more depressed, under the
- 5 Regular sound under the bed-clothes? (7).
- 6 Vigorous shower. it is said 4).
- 7 Act includes a spot of opera (8). 8 Pest jolly depressed by Death Row, perhaps (10).
- 12 Craftsman giving with pen (4-6).
- 14 The first person to play Tom Thumb is a star (5.5). 16 They flag, having to run up and down so much (8).
- 18 Taking top off butter, thickly spreads the biscuits (S).
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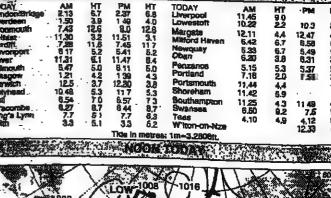
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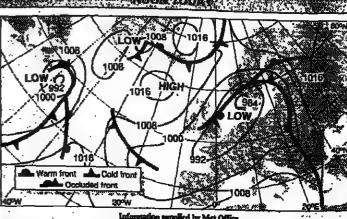


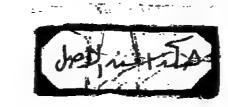
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Sane and serene in a crazy world

In the hurly-burly of arena opera, José Carreras stands for old-fashioned

courtesies. Richard Morrison talks to the

tenor on the eve of his London concert he great tenor circus rolls back into town. Record companies shift mountains of compact discs into the shops, anticipating the bumper

surge in sales that might turn a mediocre year into profit. Outside the arena, touts offering a pair of "good" seats near the back for £300 jostle with surly security guards, whose job is to clear a triumphant path for the star to walk from limousine to stage-door. Fans who worship The Voice crane for a peep at The Body. Did you get close to him? No, but I had my ribs bruised by one of his minders.

Inside, nervous minions check the humidity, the spotlights, the bouquets. The promoter reflects that, while £50,000 is a lot of money to pay one man for one night's work, many punters will have been tempted to subscribe to a whole season of concerts or operas on the strength of this evening. The present-day marketing of classical music is based on precisely this premise, and the stars know how to exploit it.

Meanwhile, the star's sharp-suited managers huddle in corners, doing the deals: an American coastto-coaster in 1996; the primetime

link-up with Japan; the Australasian distribution rights to "Verdi comes to Vegas — The Movie".

This outward appearance In the middle of of glamour all this is the tenor himself: the reposiis the most tory of top Bs. simple passions and negative thing gigantic cheques. Enrico Caruso, the finest of them all, once memorably profession' defined a great tenor as "a big chest, a

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big mouth, 90 per cent memory, ten per cent intelli-gence, lots of hard work and something in the heart". Few of Caruso's putative heirs would be so frank. But tomorrow night at the show - and Carreras exudes modesty just as surely as he has "something in the heart" and a

great deal in the larvnx. Pavarotti may be unassallable as the plumply upholstered superstar - purveyor of gargantuan Hyde Park entertainments to hundreds of thousands in the rain. Domingo may be the tense and dangerous powerhouse, infusing moody mag-nificence into 90 different operation roles. But Carreras is the undisputed Mr Nice of this bizarre world: the svelte Spaniard with the midnight eyes and the smouldering smile that has branded many a

matronly heart. His story is the stuff of movies and will probably soon be one. He rose from the slums of Barcelona as an astonishing boy treble. Not many years later he was catapulted into the world's top opera houses as a credibly good-looking hero with a tenor voice of natural, silvery elegance. Then came disaster, five years ago at the zenith of his career. He was struck down with leukaemia and given a ten per cent chance of survival, a bone-marrow transplant and months of grisly chemo-

therapy. He looked death in the face: professional death, certainly; and probably the real thing too. During

that grim period he received 100,000 letters of support. Dozens

to the nightmare.

Pavarotti. Carreras is, as the English conductor Sir Colin Davis aptly million).

the dollops of egoure in a business dominated by neuand ungentlemanly conduct. The experience of the last five years has sharpened his obmerry-go-round

spinning crazily about him. What was so absurd about the row earlier this year when Carreras, as director of this summer's Barcelona Olympics arts festival, was accused of snubbing Kraus — is that a more unlikely dabbler in backstage 'chicanery than Carreras would be hard to

Now he sits in a suite in the Hyde Park Hotel, seemingly unaware that the room looks straight out onto the site of a portly rival's greatest triumph. Does he like the direction in which operatic superstars have gone, away from opera houses towards big venues or the open-air, and towards rock-volume amplification and unbridled sales-

"I know that certain people, the purists, criticise all that I respect their view. There are negative things; we are taking opera from its natural and original surroundings. On the other hand, without wanting to sound demagogic, I do believe that these large-scale and open-air concerts are gathering a new audience. I'm not saying we are missionaries, but we do a good

Carreras employs a similar argument to justify why he "wasted" his talent (as the snootier critics have it) recording an album of Andrew Lloyd Webber's songs. "This music has the same spirit as Puccini's. It. touches people, it will stay forever. It's music that you feel."

Of course the popular touch

of women offered up their own bone marrows. Greater love hath no fan than this.

Carreras not only survived but made a triumphant return: 150,000 fellow Catalans greeted his comeback concert in Barcelona. But the matinée idol looked gaunt, wrung dry; his lovely vocal timbre was unspoilt but the voice sounded fragile. The real miracle was to come, as Carreras slowly regained his strength and his ranking in the musical world. Only his interpretations, newly infused with a gallows intensity, remained as a testament

The true confirmation of his professional resurrection was the Three Tenors Concert in Rome on the eve of the World Cup final, when he fearlessly swapped top notes and trills with Domingo and put it, "a kind of Lazarus". Now he devotes much of his energies to the foundation launched in his name for leukaemia victims, which has already raised \$10 million (£5.8

He was always perceived as the opera star whom God forgot when mania were dealt out a same, serene and courteous figrotics, histrionics jectivity, even about the media

> and its commercial benefits - was not suddenly discovered by the present generation of singing stars.
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> John McCormack, the honeyin "serious music" circles for mixing ballads of gruesome sentimentality into his recitals. When he came under fire from the highbrow critics he produced a ringing riposte: "The world is full of men and women with humble thoughts and simple sentiments, and who

not men and women? This touching concern for com-mon humanity did McCormack no harm. In his heyday he owned 12 Rolls-Royces, and drank nothing

shall despise them - for are they

but the finest champagne. But then, once one starts delving into operatic history, the excesses of the present-day music business seem tame. Is the operatic scene today less healthy than in the mid-18th century, when 4,000 italian boys a year were being castrated in the cause of art? Are today's singers more vain than Adelina Patti in the 1880s, whose contract specified the exact type size of her name in the billing? Are the tantrums and Jealousies of present-day stars any more pronounced than they were 30 years ago, when Giuseppe di Stefano refused to appear at Philadelphia Academy of Music because an advertisement in the pro-

The answer is that the public has always wanted its grandest operatic stars to behave operatically. Their figures, their personalities, their voiced Irish tenor who rose to fame rows, their fees: all these are Otherwise the public feels cheated. If it wanted discretion and impec-

cable good taste it would have booked tickets for a string quartet. When Caruso died, his wife remembered him thus: "He was made in large blocks of essentials. His humanity was deep, his hum-our was broad, his faith was high." Quite. Moderation never got any-body onto the stage of La Scala or

rule: he is slight in physique, gentle in temperament. But he understands, perhaps better than his rivals, the grandiose nature of the role he must play - simply because his life has measured the distance between public triumph and private catastrophe, and found them separated not by a chasm but by

of white blood cells. "We singers do not depend on our talent alone. We have our instrument inside us, and that instrument is affected by any physical, psychological or spiritual changes in our bodies or our souls. Sometimes you feel miserable inside, because your liver is not working the way you would like, or you have some big personal prob-

something as random as an excess

have to pretend that everything is better than ever, every time you go

José Carreras in Carmen at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in 1986: "You have to pretend that everything is better than ever, every time you go on stage"

on stage."
That is Carreras speaking, but it Pagliacci. The great tenor must never appear less than exultant, even when he is portraying on stage a man about to face a firing squad. There is no room for subtle gradations of feeling when lungs and chest and larynx are exploding onto a top C.

But what of those all-important high notes? If Carreras, Domingo or Pavarotti lost theirs tomorrow, no amount of musicianship or charisma would save them: their travelling circuses of sharp suits and sycophantic acolytes would melt away as swiftly and gracelessly as thieves in the night. Wouldn't Carreras agree that those top notes have been given a status out of all proportion to their artistic worth? In fact, aren't they offered more in a macho than a musical spirit, as

symbols of virility?
"For certain audiences, yes, the top notes are far more important than they should be. On the other hand I understand the psychological need. A tenor who sings a high C is like a trapeze artist in a circus going for a triple somersault with-out the safety net. It's always a risk, and that risk thrills the crowd.

"A true artist takes risks, makes mistakes and learns from them. That applies to chosing repertoire as well. I know I'm never going to

this ignorance of the other to

disguise laziness or stubborness or

acts of gross insensitivity, and both

parties are lying. Well, the male

party is at least: I can't speak for the

women, although I can take a

pretty good guess. I do as many

stupid male things as anybody, but

at least I've given up pretending

that I don't understand why

women get angry or upset or

petulant when I do them. Or,

rather, I've given up pretending to

myself. Because the fact is that the

sexes support each other in this

façade of otherness. We do it

because it's convenient: whenever I

say "Yes, lovely new soupbowls,

darling" without looking at them I

can blame my impolite indifference

on my genetic programming which

lem. Yet you cannot show that. You sing Tristan. But certain roles lie on the edge of my limitations; if I don't try them I will never know if I can."

Maria Callas, who knew all about taking risks and making had only a certain number of top notes in them, and that these should be rationed meanly. Carreras, though Spanish, is less fatalistic. "It would be crazy to say that a striker in football only has a certain number of goals in him, so he should be careful not to score too

many in one game."

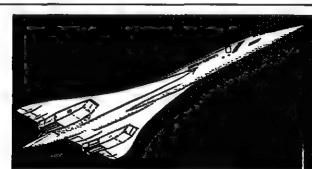
When will this striker hang up his boots? "I would like to sing to the year 2000. Then I will be only 53. Time enough to start a new life.

cus moves inexorably on. You know," says Carreras suddenly, "at the end of the day this outward appearance of glamour is the most sion." There speaks a man who has truly heard the silence when the

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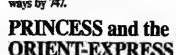
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Sounds off in the battle of the sexes

tenor"?

gramme had hyped up Franco

Corelli as "the world's greatest

here were eight of us at dinner the other night and though we were properly interleaved boy next to girl round the table, such was the speed we split along the sexual fault-line dividing us that we may as well not have bothered with the careful placement. The ad hoc motion was to the effect that this house believes that men get on with relationships while women spend their time dismantling them like some car mechanic checking for bearing

failure. It has long been my contention that in the matter of the battle of the sexes Thurber usually got there first, and not least because he had the good wit to call his comic-strip dissertation The Battle of the Sexes. There is more truth in those few dozen scribbled frames than in any number of cheery self-helping (which is to say self-hindering) paperbacks called All The Things You Didn't Know About Your Man or glossy men's magazine articles entitled "Taming Your Wild Woman — An Owner's Guide". But, then again, contention is probably too strong a word for my real feelings about the battle, given that I've now decided that both it and the presumed grounds for its waging are as phoney as hell.

was just getting into its noisy stride, there was a theory going the rounds which is, I guess, still buried among the politico-sexual baggage of al those of us who were at one time proud to be numbered among the Friends of the Loon Pant Rendered into its most facile form this proposed that because men can appreciate the aesthetic difference between a bunch of daffs and a wilting dandelion, there is therefore a "feminine" side to us. Equally the woman who dresses in soft silks to argue the toss at a board meeting is displaying her "masculine" side. Ergo, went the argument, men have something of the woman in their psychological make-up and vice versa. Ergo. further still, and strap yourself in tight for a largish logical leap here,

we are all essentially bisexual. Indeed, I can clearly remember attending one college meeting at which a member of one of the more recherché Trotskyist factions rose to ask us why we were bothering to discuss the liberation of our brothers and sisters in gaydom, given that when the revolution came we would all be bisexual anyway. At this point, as I remember, I decided that there was politics and there was sexual politics and that I would be safer sticking with the sort which Twenty years ago, when gay lib - as then constituted - involved

PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond reflects. on the dividing line at the dinner table



throwing eggs at junior cabinet ministers.

It was while trying to rationalise the male flower arrangers and the female tycoons with the fact that, deep as I might search, I could find no particular desire in myself to work a sexual split-shift system, that I came to understand about the

daffodils is not a function of my understand them?" it's "You're

gender but of my species; that I only saying that because you're a know women who are as competiman". Both parties usually affect tive as Schwarzenegger on speed doesn't make them diesel dykes but people whose list of attributes includes female, heterosexual and

This thesis has served me pretty well through the years of sexual turmoil (mine and the planet's) and still I believe in my bones that men and women have more in common than they have dividing them; and that the battle of the sexes is no more than a series of skirmishes over the odd 5 per cent difference. The thesis can be misused, of course, not least by those smugly successful career women, for instance, who don't understand why battered wives stay at home getting battered when they could be out picking up useful non-executive directorships, or by those surly misanthropes who affect to believe female liberation means that slamming the office door in their secrétary's face is a sign of egalitari-

an refinement. Less convincing still than the assumption that men and women are different species is its corollary: that men are somehow unknowable to women, and women to phoney war. men. If I've heard any phrase more
The fact is of course, that liking often than "Women, eh? Who can men. If I've heard any phrase more

dictates that I can have no aesthetic response to fine porcelain. The same implied excuse can be dredged up for not taking the dead flowers out of their vases, not putting my cereal bowl in the washing-up machine, not doing any of the closely-typed, three-page list of things I was given when I asked my girlfriend for examples

with which I could make this point. But then what does she know? She's a woman. And women just don't understand, you see.

DON CARLOS: David Pountney's new production of the Verds opera for English National Opera opens tonight, Mark Dider conducts a strong cast in this vast, grand drama of conflict between personal and political demands. Rosalind Plowinght returns to the house as Elizabeth, Edmund Barham sings Don Carlos, Linda Finne a Princers Eboli, Gwynne Howell takes the role of rang Philip and Richard Van Allan lords it as the Grand howelf to a the Grand Inquisitor Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WCZ (071-836 3161), 6.15pm

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HANDEL'S MESSIAH: At the QEH, David Josefovitz and the London Dand Josefowtz and the London Solosts Chamber Orchestra perform an abridged version of *The Messkih* on a programme with fivaldr's Gloria, while at St George's, the London Handel Choir and Orchestra recreate the full version first played in Dublin in 1742, under conductor Denys Darfow. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm. St George's, Hanover Source, London Sen. George's, Hanover Square, London W1 (081-336 0990), 7pm.

THE VIRTUOSO: The Royal Shakespeare Company in Shadwell's Restoration comedy of bad behaviour in the home, directed by Phyllida Lloyd. One on north Opening night.
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(071-638 8891). 7pm.

THE WINTER'S TALE: Théâtre de Complicité applies ins distinctive style to Shakespeare, with Simon McBurney and Kathryn Hunter. Opening night. Lyric Theatre, King Street, London WS (081-741 2311), 7pm.

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A VIEW FROM A RRIDGE: The excellent cast from the recent Romeo and Judet now tackide Milet's play in a production directed by Gregory Hersov and with Jonathan Hackett as the stubborn longsfrorenan, Eddie, Both productions will go on a Mobile theatm tour next morth. Opening right.

Royal Exchange, St. Ann's Square, Manchester (061-833 9333), 7,30pm.

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latest album, Again Jazz Café, 15a Parkway, London NW1

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magnificent programme of music: Boulez's Memoriale, for flute (Paul

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Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401) Mon-Thurs, Spm. Pr. Sat, 5 30pm end 8 30pm 135mins.

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Some Life it Hot: But what the get is let everin. Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film. Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat. 3pm. 165mms,

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Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Dagksh and
Carmel McSharry in Breable comedy
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A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldes. Good fun. ones, Good van. Whitehall, Writehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fn, Set, 6 15pm and 9pm, 120mins.

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CINEMA GUIDE

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THEATRE

Battle for the prince's soul

ADRIAN NOBLE's revival of Shakespeare's most appealing history play was agreed to be the pick of the Royal Shakespeare Company's main-house productions at Stratford last year, and not only because everything else there was dismal. It was Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, I think, who said that the subject was a battle for the heart of a prince and, hence, for the soul of England. If so, there can seldom have. been more fascinating combatants than Julian Glover's Henry and Robert Stephens's Falstaff - or, for that matter, a more glamorous casus belli than Michael Maloney's Hal.

So it proves again. The production has lost Bill Wallis's memorably furtive insecure Bardolph en route to London, but little else of value. The royal palace is still a forbiddingly dark, loveless place, notwithstanding the incense and monkish chant that drift across its enormous acres. Eastchean is ' still way beyond what used primly to be called a red-light district. There are red sofas, tables and chairs and, cut into a vast red wall, tiny red rooms in which." scarlet women absently pull off their stockings or hump with goofy visitors. Seething red anthill or vast, black

will end by prevailing? For a time, it seems that Maloney: may be the princely opportunist, slumming his way to glory on the backs of the low-lifers. Certainly, he packs that chilling soliloquy, "I know you all and will awhile uphold the unyoked humour of your idleness", with a fierce Henry IV, Part I Barbican

hunger for admiration. But it becomes dear that this Hal hurls himself with the same intensity into everything: fooling Falstaff, playing silly tricks on pub servants, assuring his father of his loyalty, challenging Hotspur to a duel. This is the future Henry V, a young man of great energy and greater potential: no wonder everybody clamours for his allegiance.

Henry IV, his official father, is played by Glover with more than usual power. He reminds us of the tough usurping baron he once was and shows us the curt, authoritative monarch he has become but he is also the patriarch who feels an embarrassed tenderness for his son yet repels any show of affection and resists over reconcilia-tions to wonder Maloney's Hal is drawlin instead to the surrogate father who will use any stratagem to keep expressing the forestat, for all his self-imerest, he genuinely harbours for his "sweet young patice". Stephens makes a somewhat sober Faistall, more a droll observer of the absurdities amound him than the

powerhouse; Falstaff or Henry: which absundities around him than the will end by prevailing? would never have spent six shillings on sack to a penalty on bread, as the text claims. He would probably have hesitated before robbing travellers at Rochester. He lacks recklessness and perhaps even the emotional urgenty he calls "instinct"; and the great speech on

Prince Hal (Michael Maloney, left) and Henry IV (Julian Glover) honour is less a defiant display of egoism than a Socratic catechism, a canny dialogue conducted by one self

with a self that somewhat appalls him.

But he certainly cares. There is intelligence, pain and selfdisgust in this performance, along with a wry yet forceful yearning to be the man and maybe the father he should have been. He even rumples the hair of the cornse that was once Owen Teale's vivid, charismatic Hotspur, and treats

the living Hal with paternal pride as well as warmth. The hint of his eventual rejection does not just hurt him. He totters towards Maloney, begging and pleading, his voice abjectly thickening as he does so. No wonder Hal is in a conflict. We will have to wait until May, and the arrival in London of Henry IV Part Two, to see how these three excellent actors resolve it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE

Rodents lack bite

Rat Play Old Red Lion, Islington

THIS play is to do with rats, imaginary rats behind the wainscot of the mulish Parkie's slum room in Dublin. Only be can hear them. "There", he says. pointing to a spot on the wall. Reluctantly his forgiving wife and tolerant brother put their ears to the plaster. "I can't hear a thing", they declare. "It moved", is his reply.

Once upon a time there were real rats in Parkie's life. When he and brother Frank were boys they helped a blacksmith battle against the rats who had burrowed under this smithy. That smithy was built over a river and Parkie's room too is built above water. As then, therefore, so now, emphasised by the presence of an anvil and hammer (which only Parkie sees) to one side of the room.

Michael Skelly calls his play an expressionist psycho-sexual drama. The sexual element is presumably Parkle's marriage to Mary, though the nature of its poor condition is not spelled out and he starts hearing rats well before she tells him she is to have a baby. This news amazes him, as if he had never connected marriage with progeniture. The psycho bit is Parkie's general derangement away from nor-

LIKE a good old-fashioned family

business, the Philharmonia has nur-

tured and cherished its principal

trumpet player. John Wallace, fielding

him in concertos, performing his own

music, and now giving him a sequence of three concerts in which to blazon his

talents both as soloist and as leader of

his own multi-purpose brass ensemble, the Wallace Collection. Monday's was

the second of those events, begun with

an arrangement of Britten's Simple

Symphony credited to Colin Matthews

and Simon Wright.

This was a nifty piece of work, particularly in managing to keep the lightness of the string-orchestra origi-

nal when there were ten brass players

on the stage. But it had its problems.

Combinations of brass with keyed percussion (glockenspiel and xylo-

phone), possibly meant as a cheerful

satire on marching bands, sounded

mal social intercourse. He refuses to work, spending all his time creating music on his computer. Any past success as a composer is given no mention, though the opening bars of his "Rat Symphony" generate a certain frisson — courtesy of the actual composers, The Bloody Nightmare

Company. So we come to Expressionism. From time to time a sinister Rateatcher sidles out from behind the crumbling plaster. Thank you, Ibsen; but this is not the ambiguous Rat Wife of Little Eyolf. sorting out repressed guilt. Rather, he seems to embody Parkie's wish to be rid of the baby, whom he brings on near the end and places upon the anvil. veedless to add that when his wife and brother applied a stethoscope to her bulging belly and were delighted to hear the baby's heartbeat. Parkie said sullenly: "I can't hear a thing." Ten years ago the author's Our Jane

outraged opponents of abortion by imagining just the sort of crisis that has now obliged Irish lawmakers to redefine their opposition. Rat Play is an earlier work but so perfunctory is the character-drawing that it is hard to understand why Ken McClymont chose it to introduce Skelly's work over here. Kieran Cunningham, Elaine Lordan and Peter Hamilton Dye work hard at projecting surly obsession, outrage and brotherliness but to no avail. Cunningham's rhapsodic identification with the mighty black-smith of his youth does not work at all.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Afraid of artifice

The Chalk Garden King's Head, Islington

KENNETH TYNAN, no friend to hothouse drama, was moved to call this "the finest artificial comedy to have flowed from an English pen since the death of Congreve"; but then he had the good fortune to be reviewing John Gielgud's original production. Peggy Ashcroft somehow managed to be teticent and passionate, tough and inscrutable, as Miss Madrigal, the governess with the sinister past; and Edith Evans was at her most majestically porty as her employer, Mrs St Maugham. Perhaps my memory errs; but I would swear I can still hear that Victorian-Gothic voice loftily correcting her granddaughter's question about a murderess's fate:

Was she hung? Hanged, my darling, when speak-

ing of a lady. Actually, the exchange is not all that witty. Nor are most of the other lines get and naunt their way out of Enid Bagnold's script and across the footlights. But assurance and a little hauteur can make them seem very funny indeed. Alas, those are the very qualities missing from Mark Rayment's revival. Perhaps it was firstnight jitters, perhaps a proximity to the

audience too great for so mannered a piece: but almost all the performers struck me as stiff, tentative, even frightened.

There are two principal sources of dramatic tension, two main questions posed by the plot. What is the secret that makes Miss Madrigal so tense when a hanging judge comes for lunch? And what is to be the fate of Laurel, the troubled adolescent she is hired to teach? The answer to the first owes everything to the kind of tricky melodrama Shaw called Sardoodiedum, the answer to the second almost as much to storefront psychiatry. Mothers, not grannies with symbolic chalk gardens, should be bringing up

alienated teenagers. Yet neither Sardoodledum nor psychological superficiality need be terminally dangerous to The Chalk Garden. As Tynan said, it is an artificial comedy, and a director can and should glory in that artificiality. But Constance Cummings, fine actress though she has proved in many a more realistic piece, has none of the mandarin eccentricity, the blithe imperviousness to convention, that the part requires.

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Jean Marsh, pale and pinched, brings a nice vulnerability to Miss Madrigal, a less comic role: but no other performance, not Robert Flemyng's antique judge nor Robert Austin's bolshie manservant, is yet airborne. But time may bring confidence and lift-off.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERT

Brass needs polish

Philharmonia/Cleobury Oueen Elizabeth Hall

just crass. Also, staccato attacks, being more hard-edged and emphatic from brass instruments than from strings, require a correspondingly greater rhythmic precision, and there were paiches in the first movement here that were a bit rocky. It would surely have helped if the conductor of the other three works on the programme. Nicholas Cleobury, had taken charge of this performance too: his directing was full of incisive energy and enthusiasm. After offering brass in place of

Britten's strings, the programme pro-ceeded rather perversely to offer strings in Gabrieli. The Wallace connection. however, remained, for this was the trumpeter's revenge: his own arrangement of Sonata XX spreading two dozen of his string colleagues out in a wide semicircle, so that they were all exposed and could no longer huddle together for security. The point, though, of playing early 17th-century music on modern instruments has to be more aggressively made nowadays. For the thrusting new it was neces-

sary to go on to the next piece, Copper, by the much favoured Michael Torke: this is one of at least 11 orchestral

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pieces he has produced during the last seven years. By now the formula is predictable. You take a tag, here of Latin American provenance, and keep going at it with bright, up-front orchestral power. The promised novelties, of combinations between the solo brass quintet and the orchestral mass, were not so evident, but then not much

at all was evident behind the joy. Finally, Tim Souster's 1988 Trumpet Concerto had its London premiere: a set of three dreamscapes, the middle one showing off Wallace's Romantic playing of the flugelhorn, the last a golden dawn that sounded as if we ought to be encountering hosts of Martini drinkers or British Airways' customers heaving over the hill. Its ending came, as all endings should, with a blaze of glory.

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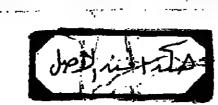
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Matrimony can be murderous

"Why didn't you tell me any of this?" when her husband finally spills some of his secrets. If he had, of course, there would be no movie to watch. Deceived (15, Odeon West End) — a psychological thriller topped off with a woman in jeopardy, screaming for dear life - always smacks of a genre exercise. Yet the film delivers the goods. and wraps them up in images atmospheric enough to shroud an improbable story. Deceived also gives that ambitious lady Goldie Hawn something useful to do (unlike the dreadful

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Her comedy skills are not required: Mary Agnes Donoghue's script obstinately steers clear of jokes. Instead, she must play the seriously perplexed wife: a New York art restorer whose loving husband, John Heard, starts act-ing strangely, then dies charred in a car crash. The funeral done, the mystery thickens. A shadowy figure first haunts, then ransacks, Hawn's apartment: Social Security records and a high school photo prompt queries about Heard's identity. Before we know it, Hawn's predicament, and Damian Harris's direction, have reached such a pitch that we can be easily startled by a flutter of pigeons, or a car's sudden lunge."

Hampered by somewhat old-fashioned blonde tresses, Hawn decently suggests the career woman (and mother, with an adoring daughter, Ashley Peldon), whose personal happiness is built on quicksand: while John Heard, as the husband, is plausibly charming and deceitful. But their performances would wither without nourishment from Andrew McAlpine's production design and Jack N. Green's photography. Together they create a memorably dark, claustrophobic world, centred on Hawn's brown-panelled loft apart-ment, where the lights never blaze. Thomas Newman's tortured music adds another layer of gloom. It also rains a good deal.

Towards the end, the plot becomes squeezed of all mys-tery, or indeed sense. But Harris (last encountered directing an impoverished version of Martin Amis's The Rachel Papers) rides to the rescue with a grand finale of paraphernalia: the thriller frantic chase, the clutched kitchen implement and the convenient lift shaft. Providing audiences do not go expecting Shakespeare, they should emerge quite happy.

Not so with Kuffs (15. MGM Haymarket, MGM Trocadero), a mediocre film that wrongly believes it is something special. Surface razzle-dazzle proliferates. The star, Christian Slater, bubbles with self-esteem, and talks

n the time-honoured straight to the airdience in way, Goldie Hawn asks Alfie-style monologues, such Alfie-style monologues, such as "Howdy, nice to see you again!". Scenes fidget with juvenile japes, from fanciful dissolves to a parody of the soundtrack beeps that hide bad language. But all the pranks in heaven cannot save this feeble cop comedy.

Kuffs, it emerges, is the hero's surname. He is raffish, anarchic and 21, but responsibility crashes onto his shoulders when his elder brother, one of San Francisco's police protection officers, dies on the job. Kuffs inherits his district and vows revenge, paving the way for a reckless mix of comedy, stereotyped action, and romance with Milla Jovovich (a fashion magazine cover girl struggling hard to be an actress). Bruce A. Evans and Raynold Gideon's jumbled script also finds room for

a St Bernard dog.
The Evans-Gideon team has done well in the past they earned Oscar nominations for Stand By Me, which they also produced. Now Evans has turned director, and their fancies fly unchecked. So does Christian Slater, who displays his chest to a degree unseen since Richard Gere took all those showers in Breathless.

There are a few bright spots. Tony Goldwyn, as Kuffs' troublesome partner, displays a warm presence: San Francisco stimulates; and you can lick George De la Pena's villainy with a spoon. But when Kuffs signs off, straight to camera, with a friendly wave and a "See yal", you feel like lobbing a hand grenade.

ewly lengthened and restored films are much in fashion. La Belle - Divertimento (18, Minema, from next Wednesday) dares to be different by shrinking the running time of Rivette's recent epic (still playing around town) from four hours to 125 minutes. Rivette did not simply apply the scissors to his mesmerising tale of a painter and his model, struggling to complete an abandoned canvas: he used entirely different takes. The story remains identical, but the viewpoint and emphases prove intriguingly different.

For those without four spare hours, this Divertimento might be seen as a convenient soft option. The foreshortened narrative certainly sharperis the character conflicts. But by reducing the time spent watching Michel Piccoli, the painter, and Emmanuelle Beart, his reluctant model, locked in the agony of creation, Rivette inevitably lessens the film's cumulative power.

Go to the Minema, refurbished with a new cafe, by all means: you will find absorbing entertainment. But if you want to be astonished and hypnotised by a masterpiece, there is no alternative. Book a

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Seriously perplexed: Wife (Goldie Hawn) and daughter (Ashley Peldon) by the grave of Jack (John Heard) in Damian Harris's Deceived

babysiner and leave work early: see the four-hour original. Where do great film directors come from? Scorsese X 4 (ICA Cinema), an invigorat-ing collection of four early

shorts, suggests various answers. They come from New York University, where Scorsese made several frisky films in the mid-Sixties: films let down at times by sophomore humour, but buoyed by a passion for movie-making. They also come from the vibrant streets of New York's Little Italy, where Scorsese grew up, and to which he pays homage in Italianamerican. the longest and last of these diversions.

You sense Scorsese's confidence growing from project to project. What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing In a Place Like This? (1963), a jumpingjack short about a young man obsessed by a painting, is the jeu d'esprit of a 20-year old, caught in the act of discovering cinema's magic.

By the following year, style and substance have both leaped forward. It's Not Just You, Murray! (1964), the pastiche biography of an amiable gangster, contains a police raid on bootleggers' premises that suggests the dynamic action scenes to come. Three vears later, student frivolity has been curbed: The Big Shave offers the unsettling spectacle of a young man shaving himself into a bloodbath. The film is intended as

an ironic joke, but Travis Bickle, the crazed hero of Taxi Driver, clearly lies around the

Then comes Italianamerican, made in 1974 when he had already made his mark. For 45 wonderful minutes, Scorsese films his feisty parents in their New York apartment, talking with love and pride about their parents and upbringing, the old country (Sicily), the changing neighbourhood and the Scorsese recipe for spaghetti sauce. In Scorsese's best films you always feel the pulse of the streets, the stren call of family and religion: Italianamerican

reveals wity.

After early Scorrese, late Satyajit Ray. Branches of the Tree (National Film Theatre), made in 1990, shows this great director, much troubled since the Eighties by heart ailments, far from top form: though he is beginning to shake off the dry theatrical tone that hampered An Enemy of the People. Talk still proliferates (with a character line-up of four generations of middleclass Bengalis, locked in conflict in the same house, it could hardly be otherwise). But, a few harangues apart, the nuanced acting offers much plea-sure; while Ray's camera explores the interiors with sensitivity, and makes the most of a delightful riverside

picnic. Ray wrote the original script

25 years ago, so the heart attack which strikes the paterfamílias, played by Ajit Bannerjee, is not directly autobiographical. Yet his recent experiences must have given extra depth to the film's musings on life's nobility and sadness, the poison of corruption and the consolation of art.

There are screenings at the National Film Theatre (071-928 3232) tonight, tomorrow, Saturday, Sunday. Tuesday ARTS BRIEF

Songs of freedom

TERRY WAITE's freedom is being celebrated in a concert near his south London home. Cellist Julian Lloyd Webber. pianist Nikolai Demidenko, soprano Roberta Alexander. baritone Gwynne Howell and the counter-tenor Michael Chance are among the musicians welcoming home the former Beirut hostage with "A Celebration of Freedom" at Blackheath Concert Halls. The concert, on April 9, reflects Waite's love of English music, with songs by Butterworth and Ivor Gurney and choral works by Vaughan Williams and Purcell.

For the record

THE Writers' Guild of America has made posthumous awards to two writers blacklist ed in the McCarthy era, for films they wrote uncredited in the Fifties. Broken Arrow, scripted by Albert Maltz but credited to Michael Blankfort, won the Guild's award for the best-written American western of 1950. Dalton Trumbo's script for Roman Holiday won for his "frontman", lan McLellan Hunter, the Screen Writers' Guild Award as bestwritten American comedy of 1950, as well as an Oscar for the story. The awards now revert to the true writers.

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Tchaikovsky takes the tartan

Top musical names return to make the headlines in the programme for the 1992 Edinburgh Festival. Debra Craine reports

with glamorous solo artists and some of the world's top orchestras returning to Britain's premier arts festival. And thanks to a substantial funding boost from the European Arts Festival, Edinburgh will see some of the biggest names in international music, dance and visual art.

The 1992 programme, running from August 16 to September 5, is the first under new festival director Brian McMaster. It marks a departure from recent years when Dunlop's direction, was on theatre rather than opera and

Having inherited a deficit of £179,000. McMaster probably faced a fairly low-key affair until financial aid arrived in the form of John

would scarcely be credible.

journalist, Ben Macintyre,

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Much of the film was devot-

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Idyll and the funeral march

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again at this year's burgh director and now head of the European Arts Festival.

As a result of Drummond's Drummond, a former Edin-As a result of Drummond's support, Edinburgh is able to present Amsterdam's Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under its music director Riccardo Chailly, the German choreographer Pina Bausch; an exhi bition of the sculptures of Joan Miró; the theatrical duo of Hans Jürgen Syberberg and and the Barcelona-based satir

ical company Els Joglars. The 1992 festival has four themes: a season of Tchai kovsky's music, Scottish classical music through the centuries, and retrospectives of the plays of Harley Granville Barker and C.P. Taylor.

Thirty performances feature the work of Tchaikovsky, with all of his symphonies and piano concertos played along-

Philosopher betrayed

by his grasping sister





Music and dance for Edinburgh 1992: Klaus Tennstedt (left) and Mark Morris

works, such as the Cantata Moscow and the opera The Oprichnik. A survey of Scottish classical music will include a series of concerts, complemented by an exhibition.

The staging of three of Harley Granville Barker's plays - including his bestknown. The Voysey Inheri-

distinguishes one race from

another by character as well as

physique. But he was not an

anti-Semite, which in the Ger-

many of the 1870s (whence

the term originates) meant

those who wished to reverse

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tance - and a reading of four others should give audiences a chance to assess him as an acute observer of Edwardian society. In the other dramatic retrospective, seven plays will represent the huge range of work of the Glasgow-born playwright C.P. Taylor, who

died i i years ago. The festival opens with a concert performance of Schoenberg's Moses and Aaron, with Willard White as Moses. Among the other musical highlights are a visit by the St Petersburg Philharmonic, under Mariss Jansons while the London Philharmonic returns to Edinburgh for the first time in several years with Klaus Tennstedt and Franz Welser-Möst.

A double bill of two short operas written for solo singers will star Claudio Desderi and Elisabeth Söderström. There will be two performances of Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde: the composer's own

version for piano performed by the husband-and-wife ream of Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, and Schoenberg's arrangement for chamber ensemble conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras.

In the most unusual artistic collaboration. Opera North and the contemporary dance troupe Adventures in Motion Pictures are presenting a new production of an original Tchaikovsky opera-ballet double bill: Yolanta and The Nutcracker.

The dance programme features Bausch bringing her ground-breaking style of ag-gressive dance theatre to Britain for the first time in ren years, with her chamber work Cafe Müller, and the Mark Morris Dance Group from America with two programmes: his eccentric production of Purcell's tragic opera Dido and Aeneas and a mixed bill featuring the majestic Gloria.

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rederick the Great once asked a learned divine anything to do with the colony, and broke off relations with what evidence there was to support Christianity. His her. After the onset of tertiary reply was: "Your Majesty, the Jews!" If it did not still exist, syphilis and insanity in early 1889, he fell into Elisabeth's the story of Nueva Germania clutches: she had returned from Paraguay after Förster's suicide. Having suppressed - an "aryan" colony in Paraguay founded by Friedrich Nietzsche's sister Elisabeth -her brother's hostility to herself and her beliefs. Elisabeth pro-Last night's Timewatch on ceeded to make a fortune out of his copyrights. Like Wag-ner's widow Cosima, she be-BBC 2, Forgotten Fatherland (the first of two parts), told this strange tale with panache. The came an early admirer of idea came from a young

A modern term such as 'racism", however, should not have been used to describe the contrast between the anti-Semites Wagner, Förster and Elisabeth on the one hand. and Friedrich and his circle on the other. It was more complicated than that. Though the Forsters went to the ends of the earth to escape the Jews, Wagner no less than Nietzsche had Jewish friends.

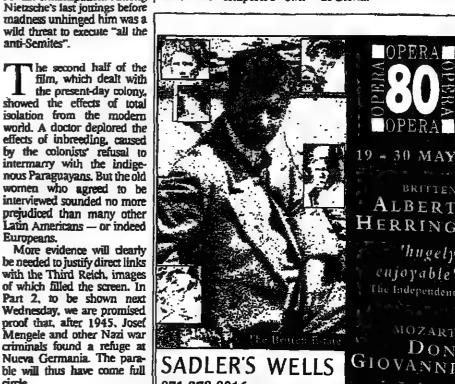
The great philosopher often employed biological metaphors, had indeed absorbed more sub-Darwinian mumbojumbo thao Wagner himself: and he denounced Judaeo-Christian morality with a vehemence which lent itself to the anti-Semitic gloss which first Elisabeth and later the Nazis placed upon his works. Nietzsche was a "racist", it

by that is meant a person who

by the colonists refusal to intermany with the indigenous Paraguayans, But the old women who agreed to be interviewed sounded no more prejudiced than many other Latin Americans — or indeed

More evidence will dearly be needed to justify direct links with the Third Reich, images of which filled the screen. In Part 2, to be shown next Wednesday, we are promised proof that, after 1945, Josef Mengele and other Nazi war criminals found a refuge at Nueva Germania. The parable will thus have come full

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Annie Besant, aged 37, in her lecturing dress - the sort Mary Queen of Scots might have chosen

thrilling as physical ones. When orthodox Christianity took a bashing from evolutionary theories, technology and social change, Annie Besant was among the many western seekers after truth who began to shop around in the beguiling arcades of the unorthodox, the esoteric and the occult.

The majority of seekers are content to be disciples. A minority feel inspired to lead the way. Such people are, as Anne Taylor writes of Annie Besant, egotistic "in the highest meaning of the word".

It is hard to expose people without diminishing them, but that is what Anne Taylor has done for Annie Besant, as has James Moore for George Ivonovitch Gurdiieff. Annie was born in 1847, and in her fatherless girlhood fell in love with Jesus. Unable to many him, she settled for the Rev Frank Besant. Her wedding night shocked and disgusted her. She bore two daughters before abandoning Frank and his parish and seeking salvation elsewhere. Annie always needed a human

master to admire - probably chastely, though she complacently claimed that every man she worker with fell in love with her. It is hard to judge which came first on her. shopping-list of allegiances, the exciting men or their exciting movements. First it was the Rev Charles Voysey and his Theistic Church, which rejected all the hard bits of the creed. Then it was Charles Bradlaugh and the National Secular Society; Bradlaugh was an atheist, and so now was Annie. She discovered that she had a genius for fluent, potent oratory, and adored the power this gave her. In partnership with Bradlaugh

advocate birth control. Like Beatrice Webb, she kept changing direction, with total sincerity each time. She was humourless, tactless, indefatigable — and pretty. She embraced socialism and George Bernard Shaw, and had a passion for setting up circles, centres and groups in which she would be centre-stage. But all this was insufficiently cosmic. Annie Besant needed to have privileged access to mysterious powers and unknown forces. She became involved in spiritualism. Reincarnation was her next and lasting creed. Already over forty. Annie moved to India learned Sanskrit, and preached traditional Himiluism to the Him-dus. She had millennial ambitions Victoria Glendinning on two charming charlatans, Annie Besant and Gurdjieff



Krishnamurti (right), aged 15, with his brother Nityananda

ANNIE BESANT

A Biography

to control and through theosophy; she suc-ceeded in becoming the Indian National Congress, and was interned for

her activities. She rejected birth control in favour of abstinence, and socialism was sacrificed to the caste system, which facilitated the return-

ing, evolving soul.
Annie's spiritual hope was still, in

GURDJIEFF The Anatomy of a Myth the "World Teacher". At one point

he protested: "I must get out of all this rot." But Mrs Besant had taught him a good trade, and as Krishnamurti he was to influence a

Gurdjieff was his own hero, and twenty years younger than Besant. I do not think they ever met; perhaps they can get together in another incarnation. Gurdjieff founded his Institute for the Harmonious Development of Man in Fontainebleau in the 1920s, and it was in the transcendent discomfort of this community that the writer Katherine Mansfield took refuge to

Gurdjieff was a Greek-Armenian, whose early years of wanderings in Central Asia, often in disguise, sometimes spying for Tsarist Russia, are reconstructed by James Moore with many a baffled rhetorical question and many an exclamation mark. Gurdjieff made wads of money by trading in oil, carpets and cattle. He spent even more, and there was always yet more forthcoming from rich devo-tees such as Mabel Dodge Luhan.

James Moore has been "active in Gurdjieffian circles" since the 1950s, and combines attentive respect with humour. He makes a brave stab at summarising the Gurdjieffian message. Here is a whiff of its Jabberwocky complexities. We on earth exist to feed the hungry moon with our essence: but beware the Kunderbuffer, a malign organ at the base of the spine which has conditioned us to become selfcentred somnambulists instead of the cosmic transformers we are

On the evidence of these two fascinating books it seems a law of supernature that esoteric sects col-lect around them a limpet-load of dross - dotty rituals, and a mem-bership that includes an unfair proportion of nutters and crooks. Feuds, schisms, and sexual scandals seem of the essence. Getting to grips with two people of such personal magnetism and shining irrationality suggests how close a seer's vision is to a schizophrenic's, and vice versa. Moore concedes that Gurdjieff often seemed "not quite sixteen annas to the rupee". and the same was true of Mrs

It is not ridiculous to adopt or to construct a metaphor for the meaning of life. What seems hubristic is the insistence that there is a secret knowledge, and that one possesses the key to it. Besant and Gurdjieff operated in a realm where deception and showmanship serve (perhaps) the truth. Gurdjieff was sometimes flagrantly fraudulent. The truth, he asserted, is only acceptable in the form of a lie. Think about it.

went to a Radical dinner party last week, and the bold, unfeeling faces of some of the ladies, and their reckless talk, quite shocked me." These are not, as you might think, the words of an elderly Victorian bishop, but of Emily College, when she was still young, to her friend Barbara Bodichon, in 1867. It is a remark I have always treasured, and it illustrates Professor Caine's point that the activists for particular feminist ends in the 19th century were not all radicals or even liberal in their general

Her other main theme is that the distrust or dislike of male sexuality shown by some Victorian crusading women looks less droll in the 1990s than it did in the 1960s and 1970s, when trouble-free sexual liberation for all seemed to be on offer. These themes are explored through four biographical essays devoted to women activists of the 19th century. All are interesting women with good stories, but it must be said that none is obscure, and three of them have been much written about already. They are Emily Davies. Josephine Builer and Millicent Fawcett, each the leader of a

Moralists break silence for the female majority

successful campaign: respectively, for higher education, against the Contagious Diseases Act and for

Frances Power Cobbe, the odd one out, was active in various fields. and a writer. She wrote that daughters had an invariable duty to serve their parents, but also that wives should be freed of any subservience to their husbands. Cobbe was a philanthropist, an anti-vivisectionist and a Dame of the Primrose League who also welcomed the idea that God is both Father and Mother. She neatly illustrates Caine's point that feminism and radicalism were by no

means synonymous.

Davies, the founder of Girton, is well known to have been deeply conservative - and a Conservative - in all areas outside her particular field. She was quite uninterested in general educational reform, her

Claire Tomalin

VICTORIAN FEMINISTS By Barbara Caine OUP, £20

one object being to get women exactly the same education as men. which meant she sometimes found herself in collision with more liberal educationalists: her quarrels with Girton's sister college, Newnham, are a case in point. Similarly, while she supported women's suffrage she disliked any talk of rights. Needless to say, she opposed mili-tancy. Davies's idea of drumming up support was always to get titled people on to her committees. Given the way England works, this was the right strategy; and she was a brilliant committee woman, enerindomitable will and a grim sense

Davies succeeded by keeping her ights narrow. Josephine Butler, who passionately and successfully campaigned against the legislation which subjected any alleged prosti-tute to forcible medical inspection. always believed she was running a broad moral crusade. Born and bred a Liberal, she hoped to transform society and indeed human nature

Both Butler and Millicent Fawcett, who supported Butler's work, found themselves faced with sometimes paradoxical situations after the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act, when the National Vigilance Association was set up in 1886. It was a sort of private police des moeurs, and enthusiastically backed by many feminists, who had great hopes of it. Girls in

danger were to be rescued, and clients prosecuted. Soon it was also opposing birth control, and then attacking Rabelais, Balzac, Zola and their distributors.

Fawcett actually led a campaign against a Conservative parliamentary candidate known to have seduced and abandoned a girl of lood family. Butler, on the other hand, was personally tolerant and would not join in condemnation of public figures whose transgressions became known, such as Parnell. Dilke and Wilde. The dilemma for feminists was as Caine says, that the belief in equal rights, which obliterate considerations of gender, is hard to reconcile with the belief that male sexual power needs to be

attacked, or at least questioned. So this slim book raises some interesting issues, although it is not as comprehensive as the title suggests. General readers should be warned too that much of it seems to be chiefly addressed to other aca-demic specialists in feminist theory and history. This is a pity, because Barbara Caine is a fine historian. Her previous work, Destined to be Wives! — a first-rate study of Beatrice Webb's sisters — is now available as an Oxford paperback.

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n The End of History and The worries about the future of mankind. The species, he contends, is compelled by nature to live ty is over, is that drive to be

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The struggle, of course, predates the end of ristory. History was still going on when his brilliant filly Lady Elizabeth 13 times in 1867 in an attempt to get his money back, later ending it all, after seeing Hermit touch off Marksman (carrying £120,000 of the Marquis's money) in the Derby. Other great punters were wiser and some more successful. But few have managed in the long term to beat the book.

Reid's real heroes are the bookmakers. To the average Joe, the bookmaker seems the least heroic **David Lipsey**

A LICENCE TO PRINT MONEY Macmillan, £17.50

of figures and, indeed, there is little romance in Hill's or Ladbroke's. Forget them. Think rather of the bookmaker on the rails at Cheltenham, surrounded by men who may own the darkest, swiftest horse in all Ireland and who have pockets lined with punts to strip thousands from the bookmaker unwise enough to offer the wrong price.

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"A sweeping, earthy, Russian kaleidescope of a novel" CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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n this rich and well-written study Sir Ian Gilmour seeks to define the nature of society. governance and violence in Eng-land between 1688 and 1800. He communicates his fascination with this complex and violent society.

The book is based on a wealth of reference. Sir Ian has read comprehensively in local and general studies, recent and older works. The notes suggest a commitment of time that many academics are unable to emulate. Sir Jan should have had no difficulty in reaching the heights of academia, had he been so inclined.

Compared to their predecessors, most MPs lack a historical perspective. Debates are no longer illuminated or confused by frequent references to classical or British history. Few modern politicians have written historical works: those who have usually concentrate on the political history of the last century and adopt a biographical approach, a natural disposition for approach, a natural disposition for politicians who wish to see their own role as significant. No recent prime minister has followed the 5th Earl of Rosebery, who wrote biographies of Cromwell, Napoleon and Pitt the Younger, and a scholarly study of the early political

career of Pitt the Elder. Gilmour's work is especially interesting because he has chosen a period of fairly distant history and yet made it timely by his consider-ation of the themes of stability and the legitimacy of popular violence. He also makes an arresting com-parison between Hanoverian Eng-

land and 20th-century America. Both, Gilmour argues, were intensely nationalistic, nearly always successful in war, and the richest countries in the world. Money and patronage played a major role in

Hoi polloi in a Whig's history



John Major got off lightly in Bolton: riotous scene from the Middlesex election, 1768

their politics, while there was a vast "underclass" in each. Gilmour compares the situation in Britain. where much of the population lacked the franchise, to a modern America where many do not vote. Neither was really threatened by revolution, though modern America is more violent. In both, "habit, the governing myths and the magic of authority procure the consent of

the great majority". Whatever his personal politics, Gilmour is alive to the defects of Whig paternalism. Observance of the ethic was patchy, there was Jeremy Black

RIOT, RISINGS AND REVOLUTION Governance and Violence in Eighteenth-Century England By Ian Gilmour Hutchinson, £25

had an aggressive side, seen most clearly in duelling to assert and defend honour. The game laws and the views of the elite on election violence were equally hypocritical.

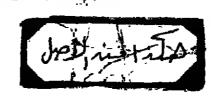
Gilmour responds by displaying considerable sympathy for the poor. "A sensible Tory" writing in 1751 "pointed out that crime would be reduced not by more stringently enforced laws but by providing jobs for those who were willing to work. Violence is not considered as necessarily bad in this context, and the term is used for the actions of both rulers and ruled. Gilmour argues that "in the 18th century some of the popular or non-governmental violence was beneficial". Rejecting the notion that popular and governmental violence should be assessed by

different standards, he concludes that violence came much more from the rulers than from the rulers. The parallel with the recent use of such arguments by poll tax

protesters raises the question of the present political purposes of history. On the right, though less certainly in recent years, the emphasis has been on patriotism and nationalism as reflections of sup-posedly distinct national traditions. On the left, continuity is expressed largely in terms of a specific and somewhat spurious view of national history based on working class consciousness. The overriding theme of such discussion is conflict, the vested orders versus the people. Opponents of the poll tax drew attention to past episodes of popular hostility to taxation. This inter-pretation is both historical, in that it looks for evidence of continuity and development, and ahistorical in that it underrates the specificity of particular episodes.

At times, Gilmour appears to edge towards the same analysis, the propertied" or "political elite" against the "lower orders", but he goes on to provide a more perceptive and accurate analysis. Alongside oligarchical corruption, there was a reluctance to use force, social factors making for compromise and "the competence and moderation of the government". There was no revolution; no politician was assassinated until 1812; no landlord was lynched. Sir Ian's sparkling study explains why and provides a model against which future historical works by politicians will be judged. We are a long way from belles-lettres and the bogus clarities of the left.

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> Ian McIntyre finds the latest Mortimer exposes its author more than the media

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hesterion wrote somewhere that a good novel told the truth about its hero but a bad one told the truth about its author. Dunster is very good in parts - and most revealing about John Clifford Mortimer.

The main private activity of the narrator. Progmire, is worrying. and Mortimer gives him a good deal to worry about, including a daughter, Tash, who presents him on his birthday with a single rose, a packet of incense, a piece of soap in the shape of a woman's bottom and a small model aeroplane. Global warming and the Russian economy also preoccupy him a good deal, as does the question of whether he will be cast as Trigorin in a local amateur production of The Seagull. For good measure he lives in Muswell Hill and is employed as

an accountant with a company Медаcalled polis Television based on the Isle of Dogs.

mire is not worrying he is trying to shake off the friendship of Dunster, an old friend from school and Oxford days. In theory this should not be too difficult. Dunster is not only an investigative journalist he has also stolen Progmire's wife and is intent on destroying his boss at Megapolis, Sir Crispin Bellhanger, KCB. The handsome and much-decorated Cris was dropped behind the enemy lines in Italy during the war with the odes of Horace in his pocket and fought in the desert wearing a silk scarf and a pair of old cricket trousers. Dunster is bent on exposing him as

If this all sounds like an exercise in multiple pastiche — early Waugh, middle Linkster, a dash of Tom Sharpe and a gesture in the direction of Simon Raven - I have to say that for much of the book I was aware of several different John Mortimers competing for my attention. There is a serious Mortimer -he is extremely good, for instance, at conveying the pain of loss or betrayal. He is also a considerable show-off. When I read, in a savage cameo of one of the Megapolis snuffling giggle", at one of his own official life of Reith.

jokes, I wondered if he had caught the habit from his creator. Unrelenting smartness can be wearing. I reckon that on a good day Mortimer gusts up to about Force 7 on

the Ned Sherrin scale. The writing only really calms down when Mortimer stops trying to impress and settles to his plot. Things look up considerably with the entry of Robbie Skeffington, QC, black of brow and fingernail. perched on the dizzy heights of the legal profession "like a gargoyle on a cathedral spire" and sniffing enormous damages: "I form a view when I first get my nose near the papers and I'm not often wrong.

I am not sure what a man "with a voice like a coasting Rolls" would actually sound like, but I enjoyed Progmire's encounter with swarm of killer cyclists wearing the sort of gas masks which make you

think chemical warfare has broken out". I was also quite taken with the image of a yapping do launching itself like a Scud missil

at his groin and scoring a direct hit. Anybody who writes as much as Mortimer is bound to write unevenly. Occasionally we become aware that we are in the hands of the auto-pilot, and the best he can do is tell us that Progmire's Oxford college "was built in stone which went gold in the sunlight, with a quadrangle of bright green grass", or that somebody's house on the east coast was on the chilly side because the wind had "an uninterrupted journey from the steppes of

Mortimer manages to fit in the regulation number of unbuttonings and unzippings. I did not keep a note of the incidence of copulation, but I am sure it will work out neatly at not less than one bout for each episode of the television series. He has been called many things in his time, from a former practising barrister to a champagne socialist, but nobody could ever call John Mortimer uncommercial.

ian Mcintyre was Controller of Radio 4 and Radio 3 and is a



John Mortimer: would he become chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council or even arts minister under Labour?

From both sides of the grave

everything the storyteller can tell. He has borrowed his authority from death", reads the epigraph (from Walter Benjamin's Illuminations) to this collection of literary journalism by Angela Carter, who died last month. Initially, at least, it is hard not to invest these essays with a gravity never intended by their author, for whom writing was a serious business, but not a solemn one.

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And indeed the prevailing mood of the collection — which consists mainly of book reviews - is benign, even light-hearted. Contemporaries such as J. G. Ballard and John Berger, with whose (largely selfappointed) role as literary outsiders Carter perhaps felt some affinity, are celebrated for their uncompromising independence. Younger writers, such as Hanif Kureishi and Louise Erdich, are generously

Fortunately, there are exceptions to this general mood of goodwill. Paul Theroux gets some pretty sharp treatment, in the course of a review of My Secret History, as does the cookery writer Elizabeth David, seen as epitomising a certain kind of middle-class hedonism Carter clearly found insufferable. Yet even in those instances where the reviewer's habitual kindness deserts her. she mitigates the sarcasm with a touch of humour. Who but Carter would have included (as a codicil to



preoccupations, from which a picture emerges of what the writer herself felt to be important about her craft. Carter was a champion of the open-ended, pluralistic narrative as opposed to what she saw as the closed, predominantly masculine structures of the Great Tradition. She quotes with approval Wallace Stevens's dicta, in "Notes towards a Supreme Fiction":

It must be abstract It must change

It must give pleasure. "Pleasure has always had a bad press in Britain," she remarks in the book's introductory essay. "I'm all for pleasure."

She was also - as admirers of her study of the Marquis de Sade, The Sadeian Woman, will attest fascinated by the politics of eroticism and the ways in which sex has been used by writers from Sade to William Burroughs as a means of undermining the repressive norms of society. In her own work, sex is always an instrument of subversion





Russell Hoban and Angela Carter: she was "all for pleasure".

Christina Koning

decadent sensuality of her early stories. to the bawdy good humour els. Again, this is reflected in some of the works reviewed here, which include

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EXPLETIVES DELETED Selected Writings By Angela Carter Chatto & Windus, £15.99 THE MOMENT UNDER THE MOMENT By Russell Hoban Jonathan Cape, £14.99

Georges Bataille's pornographic classic, The Story of the Eye at one end of the scale and Walter De La Mare's delicately erotic Memoirs of

occupations are suggested by the various groupings of essays according to theme: writings on America ("the nation that invented itself

and continualself") and on American fiction, on food and "the semiotics of food" (a surprising number), on women writers and on "Home", which of course was London.

This section contains one of Carter's last reviews for The Guardian: a spirited account of Ian Sinclair's Downriver, a novel whose sinister vision of London as The City of Dreadful Night to some extent overlaps with the comic surrealism of Carter's own version. of the city in Wise Children. Her description of Sinclair's work might apply as easily to her own, which, in the end, was just too eclectic in its concerns, too irreverent towards cultural shibboleths, to be wholly acceptable to the literary establishment "With litsl mass of literary references, the sex magic, the degradations, the torture, the rich patina of black humour, this is a book that triumphantly rejects any

advance. I do not know whether Angela Carter ever read or reviewed anything by Russell Hoban (or vice versa), but if not it seems a pity, since Hoban's eccentric blend of arcane detail and precise topographical observation would doubt-

possibility of the Booker short-list in

ss have appealed to her. In this collection of short stories and occasional pieces, mythological archetypes have the solidity of real people, whilst real people are surrounded by constant reminders of their insubstantiality. Endings, in these stories, are enigmatic, conversations elliptical and time itself can be suspended in favour of "the moment under the moment" a kind of alternative time in

which anything can happen. This ability to unsettle the reader by playing tricks with the narrative is something at which Hoban is adept. In his fictional universe, statues come to life, skeletons converse and even copulate with the living and a man interrogates a raven on the nature of darkness. In these stories, as in Hoban's most recent novel. The Medusa Frequency, there is a sense that the real drama is taking place not in any recognisable reality but on the typewriter page or the computer

It is an impression which is

reinforced by the assortment of autobiographical essays, literary criticism and fragments - handily titled "Certain Obsessions, Certain - with which the book concludes. One of these pieces even begins "Here I am sitting in front of my computer monitor" and describes the author's feelings as he listens to a piece of music by Thelonius Monk. It is an attractive and in this instance appropriate) idea: writing as improvisation; as jazz. A sort of literary equivalent of Taking a Line for a Walk, which endlessly delays the moment of closure.

Smash hitters play on

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MY LIFE IN FLUX -AND VICE VERSA By Emmet Williams Thames and Hudson, £20

n 1962, in Wiesbaden, at an event called the Fluxus Inter-👢 national Festival of Very New Music, a group of young Americans and Germans gently chopped and sawed up a grand piano. There was a brief outburst of disgust in the press, and the world forgot.

But a book published this week reveals that that was not the end of it at all. For thirty years, there has been a whole mirror world of festivals, seminars and events going on, with all the panoply of Edinburgh or Salzburg, but where all the events were meaningless and all the participants were self-ac-

knowledged misfits or failures. Emmen Williams, the author of the book, was one of the most energetic members of the Fluxus movement, the name that this drifting pack of cheerful anti-artists hung on to through all these years of shadow life.

He records the epic history of his Alphabet Symphony, in which he performed 26 pointless actions among a heap of rubbish: you could have seen it at the Café au Gogo in New York in 1965, or stumbled across it at the American Cultural Centre in Tokyo in 1976: you could even have caught an "elegant version" with a Mozart flavour in Salzburg, at the Language Happenings Gala in 1986. We watch Williams himself age in the photographs in the book, from a chubby youth with specia



Emmet Williams with saw

cles to a rather portly gent. He seems always to have been an amiable character — violerace played no part in his inconsequential radicalism. He does not say much about himself, but tells an amusing story about a childish act of rebellion, in which (as a good Sixties Freudiant he naturally claims Fluxus had its roots.

Apparenty in virginia in the Deep South, where he grew up, the forthcoming birth of a baby celebrated by a Stork Shower, where the young mother-to-be was given a social evening by her friends, and a child dressed up as a stork gave her presents. Williams was regularly the stork, in feathers and long beak, and he hated it. One night he asked the pregnant wife: "Did the stork put the baby in your stomach all alone, or did your husband help?" There was no parting of the feathered head that night - but for the first time in his life, he says, he was "a happy, carefree, unemployed artist".

That is what he made a kind of anti-career of being - and he had no difficulty in finding others to join him in his anonymous and unrecorded triumphs.

But there is a powerfully ironic twist in the tail of the story. How do we come to be reading about all this? The answer is that Fluxus. against all its principles, has hardened into a very solid, indeed heavy book (it feels like three bricks mortared together when you lift it). The publishers Thames and Hudson have taken Williams with a seriousness that he must seldom have known in his life, and lavished beautiful paper and illustrations on his chaotic memoirs.

Rarely have I read a more pointless, enraging book. Its publication by an art publisher seems to me to mark the total collapse of any sense of purpose or standards in the art world. But how Williams and all his cronies must be laughing!



Hancock's quest took him to Ethiopia, but he never saw the Ark

Seek, and ye shall find . . .

his book is not what it seems. A seventh of its content is ▲ taken up by scholarly apparatus, references, notes and index. Yet far from being a work of substantial scholarship, it is a benign chimera of other forms: travelogue, mysterious adventure, coffee-table book. It is none the worse for its pretensions and leads the reader chattily through labyrinthine ways of romantic myth and curious speculation.

The author's quest is to discover the lost Ark of the Covenant, the biblical chest in which were lodged the ten commandments of the Law of God. He thinks that he has located it in a temple in Axum in Ethiopia. The trouble is that he never saw it he was denied the 'ocular proof'. So, the conclusion of the book, that the Ark is there, resolves itself with an Othello-like suspicion, mere speculation based on a series of theories.

Another critic has written of another work of speculation, John Bossy's Whitbread Prize winner Giordano Bruno and the Embassy Brian Martin

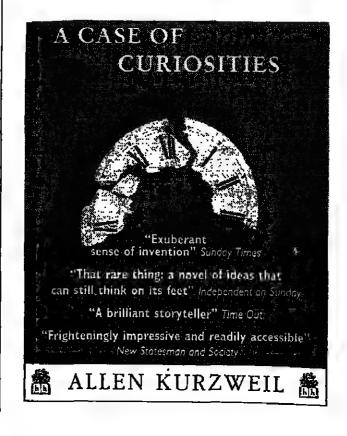
THE SIGN AND THE SEAL By Graham Hancock Heinemann, £16.99

Affair, that his theories "for sheer" panache at least, are hard to resist": the opposite is true here. The guardian priest of the Axum temple forbade Hancock a view of the Ark's presence by a catch-22 interpretation of the rules. He politely pointed out that were Hancock to storm the protective railings in a mad rush, after his long journey, he was bound to be torn to pieces by an enraged local mob.

For all that, The Sign and the Seal is highly readable as a quest saga, and those not trained in sceptical discipline will want to believe Hancock's story. He tries to substantiate the account of the Ark's removal from Jerusalem to Ethiopia which is recorded in a 13th-century literary source, Kehra

Nagast, a version of the story of Solomon and Sheba. He makes plausible connections between the Ark, the Templar knights, Wolfram von Eschenbach's Parzival and Chartres cathedral. He links two cryptic maps which he has identified, "one carved in stone in the north porch of Chartres cathedral. the other encoded in Parzival". The evidence suggests to him that the Ark moved to Ethiopia.

The temptation is to ask the whereabouts of experts who support Hancock's theories. After all, his text is scattered with remarks such as "there is some debate about what is exactly meant by this" and "there is no proof of this". So Professor Richard Pankhurst and Dr Peter Lasko remain doubtful: Professor Edward Ullendorf views the Kebra Nagast as apocryphal. The section on the Templars has a particularly high incidence of "what if". The bias is towards agreement with Keats's bald sage, Apollonius: "Do not all charms fly/ At the mere touch of cold



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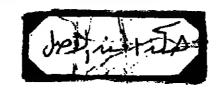
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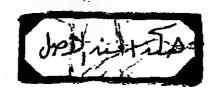
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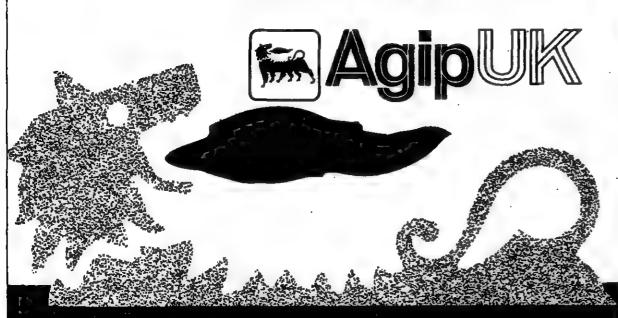
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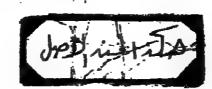
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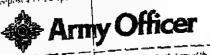
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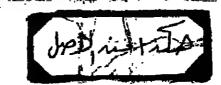
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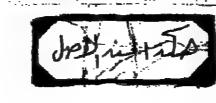


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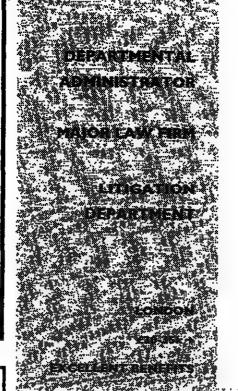
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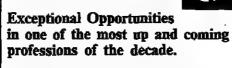
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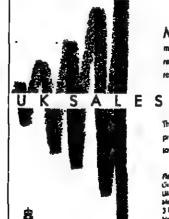
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pen the Yellow Pages to "Careers Advice" and you will find a confusing mix of analysts, counsellors and consultants, curriculum vitae writers and even graphologists. Their target is broad: the new graduate, the established executive in the wrong job, the person who has been made redundant, the mature woman wanting to resume a career or begin a new one after bringing up a family - all

are seeking assistance.

Malcolm Peel, head of consultancy and advisory services at the British Institute of Management, describes the careers advice scene as a "minefield". "Individuals should beware," Mr Peel says, "while there are some extremely professional organisations in the business, there are also many who are out to exploit people in a very vulnerable position."

Services range from typing a CV (sometimes even inserting spelling and grammatical errors) to a series of structured interviews. The qualifications of career advisers vary from a sympathetic ear and shared experi-ence (usually of redundancy) to degrees in business management or occupational psychology. The analytical methods can range from a quiet chat" to the gamut of psychometric tests. The wide range of approaches are valid, says recruitment consultant John McManus, providing they are properly conducted

Some people don't need a full advisory service," says Mr Mc-Manus, managing director of the John Courtis partnership. "The young professional who is still in demand may just require some interview practice and guidance on how to write a CV. The mature candidate who is contemplating a career change might need total support including psychological

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However, a professionally pro-duced CV can be self-defeating, Marketing manager Jonathan Marsh's CV landed on a recruitment consultant's desk with, as he learnt later, five others in an identical format from the same source.

Selecting the right career adviser can also be a bewildering process and often the individual is not in the right frame of mind to make an objective choice. How can those who are not part of a company scheme pick their way through the minefield?

People should find out what they are getting for their money," says Siobhan Hamilton-Phillips, chief ex-ecutive of the Vocational Guidance Association. "Ask about the consultant's qualifications and how long the business has been established. They should also establish that the service is right for their needs."

The VGA, founded in 1954, was among the first career advisers to use psychometric tests which are designed to disclose personal qualities,

interest and aptitudes, All VGA counsellors are psychologists who, Mrs Phillips says, can identify any underlying problems which may be causing a client to do badly in his or her current occupation. Fees are £245 for the career development pro-gramme and £445 for corporate ervices. The organisation's dients have had some dramatic changes of career direction, like the temping

typist who became a patent agent. She would never have had the courage to attempt such a profession." Mrs Phillips says, "without the confidence and support of vocational guidance." Being told that you have a low threshold of boredom may not sound like a confidence-booster, but for David Lowings it helped him to change direction into an area which was better suited to his personality.

"I had spent seven years working way up in product management, Mr Lowings says, "and couldn't understand why I was bored by the job which I'd always wanted. As soon as I'd overcome the learning curve the job seemed to become repetitive."

Mr Lowings attended an open evening at Career Counselling Services in London to learn what was involved in their programme. He had four weekly sessions with a counselling psychologist and found the process of tests and analytical discussion "very revealing". Mr Lowings realised that he needed a more stimulating role, and followed his counsellor's recommendation to ome a marketing consultant.

Robert Nathan, director of Career Counselling Services, says: "Tests don't provide the answer. They act as a catalyst by revealing themes and tterns, but a person has to make the decision about a change of career through research and hard work," The company has a range of options, from educational guidance for under-21s at £260 and one-off consultations at £70 to career development counsel-

areers for Women in London provides vocational guidance for students, but it also offers counselling sessions and workshops on a variety of careers for women returners. A charity, its fees are kept low to encourage women who are not employed. A one-hour conselling interview costs £65 and a programme of psychometric tests is £161.

The cost for commercial advisory services range from a few hundred pounds to several thousand pounds, whereas the career service offered by local authorities is free but varies in different areas according to funding. The recession has caused a proliferation of organisations specialising in outplacement services with varying standards. The Institute of Personnel Managers' Outplacement Forum has a code of conduct but no teeth - the code applies only to individual mem-

bers so organisations cannot be brought to book for malpractice. Mr Peel would like to see an institution which would regulate and control the industry, but in the meantime some of the larger consultancies -- particularly those which are part of accountancy practices - are self-regulatory. Outplacement consultancy Right Associates for example, undergoes a stringent annual quality audit covering everything from the delivery of programmes to the standard of notepaper. As a global company, says John Woolger, the managing director, we have to ensure the integrity of the programme from Alaska to Hong Kong.

Despite the lack of overall stan-

dards for career advisers, the fact that they exist is, Mr McManus says, "terrific". "Twenty years ago it would have been very difficult to find good

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Mr Clements decided to try a career change, but had no idea where to seek professional help. His dilemma coincided with the launch of a pilot project by his local Training and Enterprise council (TEC).*

"The DSS office handed me a leaflet. The first thing ! saw was that someone was willing to give me money -660 - to pay for professional advice and I could choose any of 14 counsellors listed on the leaflet." Michael Howard, the

employment secretary, says: 'It is time to recognise the needs of older people. Under a new initiative, Cateways to Learning, people will be given all the information they need about education and training for different types of work as well as professional careers counselling."

Mr Clements chose to visit his nearest agency. based at North Hertfordshire College in Letchworth. He was particularly impressed by three things: the approach of the counsellor. ("i checked out her qualifications over the phone first. After all I was a businessman."); by the use of computerised aptitude tests ("I discovered that although I had been geared to earning money all my life, I have a

nurturing streak"); and by the insistence on self-help. Liz Davies, Mr Clements' counsellor, has been advising adults seeking a change of direction for some time.

"People must be aware of their strengths and weaknesses. I may be able to tease out information about a hobby they had never considered might be relevant to work. I normally make use of computer guidance systems, but in a face to

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Next we have to look at careers in the context of the economic climate. If the client changes direction will there ultimately be a job? If he or she is willing to go on a course, will funding be available? I ask them to read in our careers library and come back. Sometimes we take practical steps, arranging work shadowing in an unfamiliar career area. for example."

s a result of his enquiries. Mr Cle-ments is helping an tranian student with his English and is hoping to do a course in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. subject to grant availability. He is also making enquiries about a postgraduate teacher training course, which would qualify him to teach business studies in secondary schools.

Whether others could benefit from similar schemes depends on the willingness of their own TECs or existing guidance agencies in colleges and careers services to subsidise adult guidance, which costs far more than £60.

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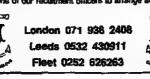
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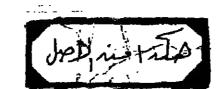
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Challenging writ or jurisdiction Planning permission survives

Sage v Double A Hydraulics district judge's refusal to set aside the writ, or its service or to the court's jurisdiction without prej-Chambers v Starkings

Court of Appeal

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Farouharson Judgment March 261

Where a defendant wished to challenge the validity or service of a writ or the court's jurisdiction under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court it was advisable to take no step beyond entering an acknowledgement of service and issuing a summons to set aside the writ. Any other step be viewed objectively to determine whether, by acting inconsistently with the making and maintaining of his challenge, he had waived his right to to raise it.

The Court of Appeal so stated (i) allowing an appeal by the plain-tiff. Timothy Sage, from Judge Willcock, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court at Plymouth who had allowed an appeal by the defendants. Double A Hydraulics Ltd. from the district judge's dismissal of their summons to set aside the writtend (ii) dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, David Chambers, from Judge Fox, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court at Darlington who had given the defendant, Megan Starkings, leave to withdraw her second acknowledgement of service and had allowed her appeal from the

Verderame and Others v Commercial Union Assur-

Insurance brokers acting as

agents for a small private com-pany in effecting insurance cover

for it did not come under a duty of care to the directors of that

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice

Balcombej so held on March 24 in allowing an appeal by the brokers, Midland Bank Ltd. from

the judgment of Mr Justice Hollins in March 1991 and ordering that the claim by the plaintiffs. Mr and Mrs Verderame, be struck out for

sciosing no reasonable cause of

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE,

auce Co plc and Another

Mr John Lofthouse for Mr Sage: Mr Michael Brabin for Double A Hydraulics: Mr Dennis Matthews for Mr Chambers: Mr

LORD JUSTICE FAR-QUHARSON, giving the judg-ment of the court, said that the validity of the writ in the first action had expired before service on the defendants.

Their solicitors Issued a sum-

mons to set it aside, but unfortunately failed to attend on the hearing so that the summons was was reached with the plaintiff for an extension of time within which to serve their defence, they issued a time summons and later a further summons to reinstate their application to set aside the

the writ was out of time. The defendant filed an acknowledgement of service and the plaintiff issued a counter-summons to extend the time for On the district judge's dismissal

of the defendant's summons she filed a second acknowledgement of service, issued a notice of appeal against the district judge's order and filed a defence to the

The purpose of Order 12, rules 7, 8(1), (6) and (7) was to enable a defendant to take an objection to

everyday case of brokers who were dealing with, and knew they were dealing with, two individuals who

to such companies, for example,

solicitors, accountants and so

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would lead to procedural impracticalities and rights, or potential rights, of double

Brokers not liable

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court's jurisdiction without prej-udicing his position. Thus an acknowledgement of service was not treated as a waiver by a defendant of any irregularity, see rule 7, and an application under rule 8(1) to dispute the jurisdiction did not cause the defendant to be treated as having submitted to the jurisdiction by reason of his having given notice of intention to defend the action.

After having made an acknowledgement of service and issued a summons to set aside the writ, a defendant should sit tight until his summons had been

The danger inherent in his doing anything further after he had issued the summons lay in the risk that he might be taken to have waived his right to challenge the writ or the court's jurisdiction. the writ of the court's jurisdiction.

It was necessary in each case to determine whether any step taken, looked at objectively, fell into that category. A useful test was whether a disinterested by-stander with knowledge of the case would have regarded the acts of the defendance to his editors. as inconsistent with the making

and maintaining of his challenge.
In the first action what was conclusive against the defendants was the issue of the time summons application was made to reinstate the summons to set aside. Objectively regarded, they had taken a

In the second action the filing of

the second acknowledgement of service should have been deferred until after the determination of the appeal in respect of the summons to set aside. The service of a defence, on the

refusal of the plaintiff's solicitors to agree to an extension of the time for serving a defence, was an unnecessary and erroneous step.
If the service of the writ was not set aside on the appeal, that would have been the time to lodge the further acknowledgement of service containing a notice of inten-tion to defend and a new time for delivery of the defence would thereupon have begun to run.

The disinterested bystander with knowledge of the facts and in particular of what passed between the parties' solicitors, would have the parties solutions, would have been in no doubt that the defen-dant had mounted and was vigorously maintaining a chall-enge to the validity of the service

The two unnecessary steps would have been rightly seen as conditional on the failure of that challenge. There was accordingly Solcitors: Rochman Landau for

Goldbergs, Plymouth; Ford Simey Daw Roberts, Exeter; Ed-win Coe for McArdle Cardwell &

Analysis sample inadmissible

National Rivers Authority v Harcros Timber and Build-Ing Supplies Ltd

were carrying on business through the medium of a small private company. It being accepted that there was a contract between the brokers The result of an analysis of any sample of water or effluent taken other than in accordance with section 148 of the Water Act 1989, which provided, inter alla, and the company, and the com-pany alone, the proposition that the brokers also came under a duty of care to the directors was that one part of the sample be given to the defendant, was inadmissible in evidence in a prosecution under that Act. If it were sustained it would have wide ranging consequences not only for insurance broken but also for others providing services

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Court (Lord Justice Unity and Mr Justice Waterbouse) so held on March 24 in dismissing an ap-peal by way of case stated by the National Rivers Authority against a decision of the Wantage Justices in determining a preliminary point in a case brought against Harcos Timber and Building Sumilles Ltd. Supplies Ltd.
LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said

that the authority had drawn amention to previous legislation on the point, section 113 of the Water Resources Act 1963, which

However, there was no presumption against Parliament changing the law, even if that added to the burden on the authority. The court had to go by the words used in the statute.

The legislative purpose was to protect a defendant in a case of impending legal proceedings. There was no distinction between a sample of effuent and a sample of river if both specimens were required for a prosecution. There was no burden on an

authority when taking samples for its own use, the section applied only to samples taken for the purpose of legal proceedings.

Ltd v Secretary of State for Wales and Another Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice

Croom-Johnson (Judgment March 24) Where a developer had been granted planning permission to carry our mining operations, sub-ject to fulfilling certain conditions

which required the approval of the local planning authority, if his application for approval, made in time, was delayed by the planning authority and operations were commenced before the planning permission expired, the developer did not lose the benefit of the planning permission even though approval was obtained after permission had expired.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by the planning authority. Claydiction of the planning country County County County County County County County

County Council, from the judg-ment of Sir Frank Layfield, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on October 18, 1989, had allowed the appeal of the developer, F. G. Whitley and Sons Co Ltd. against the decision of the Secretary of 1988 dismissing the developer's appeal against an enforcement notice served by Clwyd.

On November 15, 1973 the developer's predecessors in title were gramed planning permission for the extraction of minerals from a site in Ctwyd minerals from a site in Clwyd which was subject to 11 conditions. Conditions 2, 3 and 4 required that certain matters should be done in accordance with a scheme to be agreed with the local planning authority or, failing agreement, to be determined by the secretary of state before operations started.

In May 1076, the developer

In May 1976 the developer purchased the site paying a price which reflected the value of the planning permission. In July 1977 the developer applied for approval of the matters referred to in conditions 2, 3 and 4.

On October 26, 1978 the planning authority decided not to approve the developer's proposals and on November 2, 1978 the developer applied to the mini for his approval but because it was impractical for the minister to give a decision in the time available the developer com-menced operations on November 28, 1978 and working on the site went on until December 8, 1978. The planning authority did not

take any enforcement action on that development which therefore became immune from enforcement after four years by virtue of section 87(4) of the 1971 Act. Although the November 30, 1978 deadline had passed the developer

waived their right to object to the F. G. Whitley and Sons Co continued to press the minister to agree to the matters referred to in conditions 2, 3 and 4. On May 10, 1982 the minister gave his approval and work was

carried out on the site in ac-cordance with the approved scheme which was a continuation. of the operations commenced in 1978. That resulted in the

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Thomas Hill for the planning authority; Mr Lionel Read, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the developer: the minister did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the issue was whether the developer had lost the benefit of a planning permission to carry out mining operations because of a failure to comply with the con-ditions to which the permission

was subject.
The permission was controlled by and subject to the conditions. If the operations contravened the conditions they could not be properly described as commencing the development authorised by the permission. If they did not comply with the permission they constituted a breach of planning control and for planning purcontrol and for planning pur-poses would be unauthorised and thus unlawful. That was the principle clearly established by the authorities.

the authorities

It was a principle which made good sense since his Lordship could not conceive that when section 41(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 made the planning permission subject to a condition requiring the development to be begun by a specified dare, it could have been referring to development other

which the permission related were those authorised by the per-mission, not those which were unauthorised because they contravened conditions contained in the planning permission.

Unless there was some basis for distinguishing the earlier authorities of Oakimber v Elmbridge Borough Council ((1991) 62 P & CR 594) and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council v Cartwright (unreported, May 24, 1991) it was clear that although the developer might have been unfairly treated by the planning authority, the court had no alternative but to allow the appeal. The obvious differences be-

tween the present appeal and the earlier cases were twofold. First, prior to the enforcement action being taken the developer had obtained the approval required by the conditions. Second. operations which could not be enforced against took place prior to the time specified.

Did it matter that the necessary approval was obtained after the date specified when operations had been commenced prior to had been commenced prior to that date which could not be the subject of enforcement action? In his Lordship's judgment it did In the absence of express pro-

vision of the sort contained in section 42 of the 1971 Act, dealing with outline planning on, in the case of perpermission, in the case of per-missions other than outline permissions, his Lordship took the view that it could accord with the view that it could accord with the intent of the legislation if the approval was obtained after the expiration of the time limits as long as the application had been made before the specified time limits and either the operations which had taken place were immune from enforcement or the

enforcement action. If the operations could be and were the subject of enforcement action the position was different since in the context of enforcement proceedings the question of whether an approval, and if so what approval, should be given could be decided by the minister. the minister using, if necessary,

his power to grant a fresh plan-His Lordship should make it clear that that approach was not intended to be a charter to developers to ignore conditions which were intended to be complied with before a planning permission was implemented. If it was not already clear, his Lordship made it absolutely clear now, that if a developer did not comply with a condition he could have enforcement or any other available action taken against

The only consequence of the approach indicated in the present judgment was that when the merits of the enforcement proceedings came to be considered, it was necessary to take into account the situation as it existed at that time and in particular whether or not at that time any approval required by the con-dition had been obtained.

The result was that in the present case the developer's appeal to the minister against the been allowed because both the application for approval and the commencement of operations had been made before the expiry of the time limit and the approval had been obtained before the enforcement action.

Lord Justice Parker and Shr Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for

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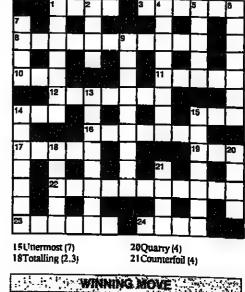
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9.05 Election Call introduced by Jonathan Dimbleby. The shadow Chancellor John Smith takes questions from phone in listeners and viewers. To participate ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4 (1463869)

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (r) (5954531) 10.25 The Family Ness, Cartoon adventures (r) (4803376) 10.35 Gibberish. Two celebrity teams in a word game competition chaired by Kenny Everett (7005043)

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Beautywise. Liz Earle and Karen Krizanovich look at Max Factor, new cosmetics available

for darker skins and the Red Cross Beauty Care Service (s) (8082918) 11.30 People Today presented by Adrian Mills and Mairi Maciver.
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12.20 Pebble Mill introduced by Alan Titchmarsh. Among the guests is Boy George (s) (8706579) 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (24686)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) 1.50 Turnabout. Rob Curling with another round of the quiz that tests word power (s) (64381753)
 2.15 Racing from Aintree. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of

four races from the first day of the Grand National med Sandeman Maghuli Novice Chase (2.35); the Martell Cup Chase (3.10); and the John Hughes Memorial Handicap Chase (3.45). The Glenlivet Anniversary 4-year-old Hurdle is on BBC 2 at 4.20 (851685)

3.55 Melvin and Mureen's Music-a-Grams. Last of the music se presented by Matthew Devitt and Sophie Aldred (s) 4.10

Jackanory. Patricia Routledge with the story of Lizzy Dripping and the Two Worlds (s) 4.20 New Adventures of Mighty Mouse (r) 4.35 Dizzy Heights. Last in the cornedy drama series set in a seaside hotel. (Ceefax) (s) 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. The guest is Thunderbirds creator Genry Anderson.

(Ceefax) (s) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (721802). Northern Ireland: Election Forum 5.45 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (53)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (55). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse in the guise of Radio Fab FM's star DJs Mike Smash and Dave Nice (s)

(5127)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (89)
8.00 Last of the Summer Wine. Compo is worried about the state of mind of Norah Batty after he thinks her heard her singing. Has she fallen for her lodger? (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9685)
8.30 Us Girls. Last in the comedy series about three generations of one family living under the same roof. (Ceefax) (s) (8192)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News and Campaign Report with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (784734)
9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour party. (Ceefax) (872937)
9.55 Porridge. Continuing a repeat run of the first series of the popular cornedy set inside Slade Prison staming Ronnie Barker as the fly recidivist Fletcher. this week working on the prison farm and

recidivist Fletcher, this week working on the prison farm and devising illegal games of chance for his fellow inmates. (Ceefax)



Star to star: Dudley Moore and Ruby Wax (10.25pm)

10.25 The Full Wax II. The brash comedienne is joined by Dudley Moore and Britain's answer to the Chippendales, the Draemboys (s) (126260)

10.55 Campaign Question Time. On tonight's panel are Michael Heseltine, John Smith, Alan Beith and Alex Salmond (526078) 11.55 The Hustings. Highlights of the day's campaigning introduced by lan MacWhirter (633598) 12.25am Weather 12.30 Faces of Islam. Last programme in the series for Ramadan

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5.45 Open University (62 19482). Ends at 7.35 8.00 Breakfast News (6239937)

8.15 Love at First Sight (r). (Ceefax) (2549376) 8.55 Reviving Antiques. Caring for pastels (9277647)
9.00 Film: Freedom Radio (1941, b/w) staming Clive Brook and Diana Wynyard. Second world war morale booster set in Vienna directed

Wymyard. Second world war morale booster set in Vienna directed by Anthony Asquith (71802)

10.30 Film: Meet Me Tonight (1953). A compendium of three Noël Coward plays — Red Peppers, Furned Oak and Ways and Means Directed by Anthony Pelissier (2535869)

11.50 The Nutt House. American comedy series (r) (2320289)

12.15 Animation Now. The Wave, a Japanese folk tale (9113604)

12.30 Mysteries of the Mind. The workings of the human brain (r) (7173840) 1.20 Charlie Challs (r) (83196918)

1.35 In the Post. Sending mail by sea (r) (47592555)

2.00 News and weather (30302208) 2.05 Holiday Outings. Florence (r) (23944260) 2.15 Advice Shop (9723005)

3.00 News and weather (4677573) followed by High Chaparral (3263173) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (2663005)

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4.35 in the Shadow of the Plough. An RSPB film about traditional farming methods in Dorset (8325208). Wales: Bitten by the Bug

4.50-5.20 The Software Show

5.00 Film: The Man in the Iron Mask (1939, b/w) staming Louis
Hayward and Joan Bennett. Swashbuckling adventure focusing on
the exploits of the Three Musketeers in saving the incarcerated
brother of the evil Louis XIV. Directed by James Whale (51899956).

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Wales 6.20-6.50 Taking Liberties
6.50 Young Musician of the Year. String semi-final (s) (100647)
7.30 First Sight: Election Special. The campaign in the South-east (31).
Northern Ireland: Situations Vacant, Wales: Nicholas Craig; East. Matters of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North: South: Southern Eve: South-west:

North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Western Approach; West: Current Account

8.00 Taking Liberties: Darren, Helen, Jenna and Hannah.

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8.30 Top Gear. Includes a look at the new Mitsubishi Coft (6734) 8.30 Top Gear. Includes a look at the new Mitsubishi Colt (6734)



Mr You Don't Want To Do That: ake Harry Enfield (9.00pm)

9.00 Harry Enfletd's Television Programme. (Ceefax) (s) (6956)
9.30 War Stories: Belgrano's Children.

© CHOICE: On April 2, 1982, the day his country invaded the Felklands, Miguel Pereira graduated from film school in London. Ten years on he puts his expertise to good use with a documentary about the impact of the war on his native province of Jujuy. It is a take of young men, ill-trained for battle, who left a hot, land-locked province for a cold, cruel sea that many had never even seen. One describes in graphic terms how he survived the shiking of the General Beigrano, drifting for 32 hours on a life raft and praying to God for the strength to survive. Strikingly, his account does not God for the strength to survive. Strikingly, his account does not become a diatribe against the British who sent the cruiser to its doom. Pareira usefully broaders his context by examining the enduring legend of the original General Belgrano, hero of Argentina's struggle for independence (Ceefax) (223005)

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10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour perty (101289)
10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow (821640)
11.30 The Late Show (5) (589753) 12.10am Weather (2166883)
12.15 Open University (6600845). Ends at 12.50

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discussion (2082869) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes viewers' travel reports; phone-in family health advice; and ideas for both machine and hand lentiters. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (1776227)

12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for children (7602376)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Orade)
Weather (8419269) 1.10 Thames News (24829840)
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Orade)
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Australia (s) (36247668)

2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes (59300937) 2.50 Take the High Road, Drama serial set in the Highlands (8583869)

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3.15 ITN News headlines (7922640) 3.20 Thames News headlines (6584273) 3.25 The Young Doctors (1525463)
3.55 Toucan Tecs. Animation (s) (2659802) 4.05 Dangermouse. (Ceefax) (s) (3404276) 4.30 Rumaway Bay. Children's adventure serial set on the Caribbean island of Martinique (s) (56) 5.00 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (7652956)
5.10 Who's the Boas? American comedy series starring Tony Danza (8543724)

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5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (616531)

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6.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour party (534024)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (5005)
7.30 Just For Laughs. A compilation of clips from British comedy films

8.00 The Bill: Suspects. DS Grieg is berated by DCI Meadow after mounting an abortive raid on the home of a former convict he suspects of armed robbery. (Oracle) (4753) 8.30 This Week. Sir Robin Day interviews Neil Kinnock. (Oracle) (3260)



The trials of Dougles Brackman jor: Alan Rachins (9.09pm)

9.00 LA Lawr. Glossy American courtroom drama series starting Sissan Dey, Alan Rachins and silf Elkenberry. (Oracle) (s) (2005)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (24685) 10.30 Thames News (838821)
10.40 Election Debate 92 chaired by Dennis Tuofry. Among those taking

part are Kenneth Baker, Bryan Gould and Charles Kennedy (621442)

11,40 01. Entertainments guide (s) (622482)
12.10am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts (4173970)
10.40 Alfred Hitchook Presents: The Main Who Knew Too Little. A

man suffers from amnesia (2149116) 1.10 Film: You've Got To Live Dangerously (1975) starring Claude Brasseur and Annie Girardot. French thriller about a private detective who stumbles on a Nazi conspiracy. Directed by Claude

3.00 The Truth About Women. Eve Pollard discusses marriage with Barbara Amiel, Stephanie Calman and Anna Raeburn (61628)
3.30 Murphy's Law. Cornedy drama starring George Segal as an insurance investigator (80609) 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (62357) 5.00 Videofashion (r) (32628)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (61067), Ends at 6.00

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9.25 Equinox The Light Stuff (r). (Teletext) (1283685) 10.25 Black and White. Animation (2098918)

10.30 Short Stories: The Last Day. The Mail on Sunday's move out of 11.00 Kingdoms of the East. The wilds of Sumatra (f). (Teletext) (55078)

11.00 Kingdoms of the East. The fight to save orphan orang-utans and introduce them back to the wilds of Sumatra (f). (Teletext) (82260)

12.00 Noah's Ark (f). (Teletext) (21598) 12.30 Business Daily (31463) 1.00 Sesame Street. The guest is actress Whoopi Goldberg (r) (36918)
2.00 All the Waters of the Wye. Julian Mitchell recreates an 18th-century holiday trip down the River Wye (r) (2531)

2.30 Film: Clurry Brown (1946, b/w) starring Jennifer Jones and Charles Boyer. Romantic tale about at Czech guest at an English stately home who falls for one of the maids, causing consternation both upstairs and downstairs. Directed by Errst Lubitsch (55524598)

4.20 Romance. Animation (9754482) 4.30 Fifteen to One (s) (98)
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6.00 Star Chamber. Baroness Seear is questioned by the computer (63) 6.30 Remote Control. Off-beat quiz show (s) (43) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zenab Badawi. (Teletext)
Weather (383043) 7.50 Voters. Four voters in a Kilmarnock church

discuss election issues (576395) 8.00 Free For All. ● CHOICE: A pioneer of the holistic approach to cancer treatment, the Bristol Cancer Help Centre was opened by the Prince of Wales in 1983. Seven years later it broke into the news when a report suggested that its alternative therapy was much less effective than conventional treatment. The press took up the story with such conventional treatment. The press took up the story with such headlines as "double death risk at veggie cancer clinic". Patients challenged the findings of the report and demanded an independent inquiry. Two of them, Heather Goodare and Isla Bourke, are the presenters of this film (2395)

8.30 The Big One. Sitcom (s) (1802)

9.00 Israel: A Nation Is Born. The third of a five-part documentary tracing the history of the state of Israel. (Teletext) (s) (7537)



Murder: a reconstruction of the Hanratty case (10.00pm)

10.00 True Stories: Harrratty — The Mystery of Deadman's Hill.
© CHOICE: Thirty years after James Harratty was hanged for the A6 murder, a Yorkshire Television documentary offers new evidence supporting Harratty's innocence. Recently released documents, not made public at the time, lend support to the view that Britain's longest murder trial ended in a miscarriage of justice. The case continues to fascinate. James Harratty, a petty thief with no record of violence and no possible motive, is supposed to have held up a couple in a car, murdered Michael Gregsten and raped and wounded Gregsten's companion, Valerie Storie. Thus lucid and gripping reconstruction suggests more strongly than ever that the evidence against Harratty was filmsy. There remains the enigma of Peter Alphon, the original police suspect and the man who later confessed to being the killer (5908734)

confessed to being the killer (5908734) 11.15 One Night Stand starring Dom Irrera (123395)
11.45 Midnight Special (370956) 1.45am Star Chamber (r) (4127154)
2.20 Film: Haunted (1984) starring Brooke Adems. A made-fortelevision drama about a woman who returns to her adopted parents after the failure of her marriage and becomes involved in their crumbling relationship. Directed by Michael Roemer (44613406). Ends at 4.25

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e Vin the Astra and Marcopolo satellitis. 6,00em The D) Kat Show (76679869) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (3031802) 8.55 Playabout (2981209) 9.10 Caroons (7659208) 9.30 The New Leave It to Beaver (84579) 10.00 Maude (19640) 10.30 The Young Doctors (45192) 11,30 The Soid and the Seaurful (19276) 11,30 The Young and the Restless (56802) 12,30pm Bamaby Jones (90482) 1 an Anether World (8757660) 2 38 Sonts (\$8802) 12.30pm Barnaby Jones (90482) 1.30 Another World (825/869) 2.20 Santa Barbara (\$4993227) 2.43 Wife of the Week (\$90918) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (\$80531) 2.45 The Di Xart Show (2445598) 3.60 Driffrent Strokes (3043) 5.30 Bewitched (6668) 8.00 Facts of Life (1931) 6.30 Candid Camera (117317.00 Law at First Sight (7109) 7.30 Growing Pains (1735) 8.90 Fall House (9227) 8.30 Murphy Brown (8734) 9.00 Chanca (20205198.00 Suds (37173) 10.30 China Beach (40005) 11.30 Fashion TV (15024) 12.00 Designing Women (91222)

SKY NEWS

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 10.00 Rising Sen (1990): A family tries to cope with their father's redundancy (82111)
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1.05am Bert Rigby, You're a Foot (1988):
Comedy starting Robert Lindsay (933609)
2.40 Angel 3: A teenage journalist Infilmines
a crack crime ring (900628)
4.15 Our Time (1974): Romantic charma-starting Pamala Sue Martin (227222) Ends at 5.46

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10.00ms Getting Fit with Denias Austin (40734) 10.30 The Great American Gameshows (2198753) 11.20 Style File (8899555) 11.25 Search for Tomorrow (3272227) 11.50 Sally Jessy Raphael (2696937) 12.45 David Hamilton's People (136734), 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (7928453) 2.05 Skyways (4372289) 3.05 Worsan Of The World (\$129531) 3.30 Cover Story (4289) 4.00 Tee Break (3803550) 4.10 WKOP In Cinchneti (\$839192) 4.48 The Great American Gameshows (3079840) 5.30 Doc (5260) 6.00 \$81-Av48ion (2274802) 10.00 Jukebox Videos (4135482) 2.00am Last Jukebox Oance (93574)

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only) with Tori Amos and Gun in 1889 FM Stereo. 4,00nm Steve Medden 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes Good Morning UKI 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruze 11.30 Immry Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunriford 3.35 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durin 7.00 The News Huddines 7.30 Wally Wityron 9.00 Paul Jones 10.00 Playback Nike Alibur's Guide to the Music of the Indian Cinema 1: Thumping Beats 19.30 The Jamesons 12.05cm Jatz Parado 12.35 Alex Letter with Might Ride

News and sport on the hour to 7.00pm. 6.00 World Servicer. Newshour 6.30 Danny Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 For Schools: Let's Make a Story, 9.15 Together, 9.35 Listening and Reading; 9.45 The Song Tree, 10.00 in the News 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 10,40 Johnnie Walter with the AM Alternative 12.30pm in the Hot Service 10.00 News Update 1,15 1,2,3,4,5 1,30 BRBS Worldwide, Smon and the Squad 2,30 Racing from Aintree with Mark Saggers. The opening day of the Mattell Grand National meeting; 2,35 £17,000 Serdeman Martell Novices' Chase (zml); 3.16 £40,000 Martell Cup Chase (3ml) ft. 3.45 £20,000 John Hughes Memorial Chase (2ml); 4.20 £37,000 Glerilvet Anniversary Hurdia (2ml). Commentators: Peter Bromley, Lee McKenze, Tony O'Hehir and John Penney 4,35 Five Acide 7,15 Ballet Shoes 7,30 The Score Garden 8,00 Formula Five 8,30 Weel 9,30 The Collection — Short, Fat, Ugly and Chanese by Put Fan Lee 10,10 Eastern Beat

WORLD SERVICE

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and Daughters (1525-463) 5.19-5.40 Home and Away (8543024) 6.00 Coast to Coast (21) 6.39-6.55 Blockbusters (11573) 7.39-5.00 TV Weedly (85) 16.40 The Human Pactor (239260) 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H (734463) 12.05-1.10 Nation: The Thoroughbred (2417512) TYNE TEES

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5.00 PM 5.45 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Winston in Europe: Comedy series by Peter Tinniswood (4 of 6) (5) 7.00 News 7.05 Tine Archers 7.20 Wingarts Hour (1M each) (4

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 7.20 Soundtrack: Mr Spraggins and the Agency (FM only). © CHOICE: The BBC isn't calling this a suspense story but (though Hitchcock would not endorse it as such) that is what it is. The "plot" is simply this: Mr Spraggins, 94 and a disabled 1914-1918. "Tommy", has been let down.

"Tommy", has been let down by the live-in housekeeper he is expecting from the Able Care agency. The hours tick by, the telphone line between

by, the telphone line between spraggins' home and the agency is busy; so is Spraggins fille, her father's lifeline, who is showing signs of tetchiness; and the agency is busly having no luck finding someone to "do" for Mr Spraggins. But waiting in the wings is a deus ex machina, and her name is Monique......(s)

Monique (s) 8.00-9.00 Campaign Report (LW

only)
8.00 Analysis (FM only): Borderline issues? David Walker asks how long old ideas about inviolable

boundaries can survive the growing global interdependence of the 1990s 8.45 A Tale of Three Daughters (FM only): Syvia Colley lost two of her three daughters to cystic fibrosis. In this programme she celebrates their lives and reads some of the poetry that helped her to get through (s) 9.00 Does He Talke Sugar? 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r)

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© Vin the Astra and Marcopolo satalites. 6.30am, Aerobics (33444) 7.00 All Star Baskethall (40043) 9.30 Nethustars (65266) 8.00 Irish Snooker (34172) 11.60 Australian Rugby League (70111) 1.00pm Soccer shre-side (45289) 3.00 Irish Snooker (59289) 5.00 Red Litre (2192) 6.00 European League Round-Up (256566) 7.00 Irish Snooker (76647) 9.00 Boots & All (33647) 10.00

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RADIO 3 by Salvatore Cammarano, An

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Suite No 2); Dvoták (Humoresque); Stravinsky (Ragtime) 7.30 News 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
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piano); Bach (Pretude and Fugue in F sharp, BWV 883; Peter Hill, piano); Bach (Komm, Jesu, Komm), BWV 229); Britten (Sacred Profane: BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson); Mozart (Divertimento in D, K 136; Bradele, Steph Compared);

Brodsky String Quartet); Beethoven (Sonata in A flat, sectioner (Sonata in A hat, Op 110: Peter Hill, piano); Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia); Bach (Singet dem Herm, BWV 225: BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson); Tchaikovsky (String-Quartet No 3, Op 30: Brodsky String

Ouarteti 11.55 Shostakovich: (Symphony No 4 in C minor, Op 43: BBC Philharmonic under Günter

Philharmonic under Gunter Herbig) (r)

1.50pm Nees

1.05 Simmingham Lunchtime
Concert Sharon Robinson,
cello, Peter Evans, piano,
perform Rebecca Clarke
(Rhapsody), Grieg (Sonata in A
minor, Op 36)

2.05 L'assedio di Calais (The Siege
of Calais) by Donizetti, libretto

by Salvatore Cammarario. An opera in three parts, sung in trailan. Geoffrey Mitchell Choir, Philharmonia Orchestra under David Parry, Christian du Plessis, baritone, as Eustachio de Saint Pierre, Della Jones, mezzo, as Aurelio 4.20 La Fontegara Amsterdam: Domel (sonata in B flati).

Mattheson (Sonata in G minor,

Dornel (sonata in B flat);
Mattheson (Sonata in G minor,
Op 1, No 3, trad La Folia)

4.32 Grieg from Norwey: Plano
Concerto in A Minor, Op 16
(Oslo Philharmonic Ordestra
Junder Harts Vonk, with Jon
Kmura Parker, piano);

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with
David Hoult:

5.32 Mainly
Ton Pleasure with
David Hoult:

5.33 Mainly for Pleasure
With Christian Tetzlaff,
violin, performs John Casken
(Orion over Fame); Stravinsky
(Violin Concerto) 7.50 Philip
Brady gives his impressions of

(Onon over ramer; Suravirsay
(Violin Concerto) 7.50 Philip
Brady gives his impressions of
Frankfurt 8.10 Nelson
(Symphony No 5)
8.08 Geringes Barryton Trio:
Vladimir Mendelssohn, viola,
Emil Klein, cello, David
Geringas, cello and baryton,
perform Tomasini
(Divertimento No 7 In C);
Haydn (Duo in D for tivio
cellos, FOX 11, Trio in D, H Xi
113); Mozzart (Sonata in B flat
for viola and cello, X,292);
Haydn (Tio in D), HS 97)
10.05 Music in our Time: Mozzart
and Post-Modernism,
presented by Christopher Fox.
Composers Ensemble under
Stefan Asbury, perform Gary
Carpenter (Ein Musikalisches
Snockerspiel); Harrison
Birtwiste (Tie World is
Discovered); Colin Mathews
(To compose without the least

(To compose without the least knowledge of music); Christopher Fox: Helitrope 3, Some Creation Myths)
11.00 The Honloy-tonk Man:
Francis Walford Smith profiles

the blues planist Big Maceo (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the
Week: Knussen (Autumnal);
Holloway (Aria); Knussen
(Sonya's Lullaby); Holloway
(Summer Music); Knussen
(Cartata) (r)
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in
Scotland) (r)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra:
Authenic Russian (1-4) the blues planist Big Maceo (r)

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9.00 News 9.05 Election Call, with the Shadow Chancellor, John Smith (071-799 5000) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.00-10.30 Crown Papers (FM only): Drama serial by Peter Ling and Juliet Ace (1 of 6) (s)

(r)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Hosea.
Patrick Malahide reads the first
of two selections from the of two selections from the Authorised Version

10.30 Compalign Report (LW only)

10.30 Woman's Hour (TM only)
includes a report from Maidstone where all four main candidates are women; a discussion with Susan Faludi, author of Backlash, and a feature on high heels

11.39 From Our Dum
Correspondent (FM only)

12.00 You and Yours, with John
Howard

12.25pm King Street Junior by Jim Eldridge. First in a new series 1.00 The World at One (LW only

1.00 The World at One (LW only from 1.40pm)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)
2.00 A Secret Journey, Following the death of his wife, the author Frederick Bradnum wrote this as a recollection of her in order to put his grief on a less personal plane. With Philip Voss and Maria Charles as the husband and wife (s) (r)
3.00 Campaign Report (LW only)
3.00 Down Your Way (FM only) (s)
3.40 4.00 Poetry Please! (FM only)
4.00 News

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen meets new Royal Court director Stephen Dakky on his return from Uganda and attends the first night of the Royal Shakespeare Company's

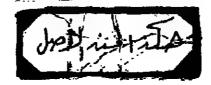
new production of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. Chris Bryson reports from New York on singer Pete Seeger's latest project (s) project (s)

4.45 Short Story: A question of Detail, by Maeve Kennedy

The second secon

Fourth in a six-part comedy series written by Simon Booker (s) (r) 11.30 Election Platform 12.00 News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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DENZIL MCNEELANCE

THE BUSINESS

THURSDAY APRIL 2 1992

Pound retreats but dealers not alarmed

Labour advance

lifts money

market rate

the Bank of England inter-

vening to support the pound,

and the mere threat of the

bank using its huge reserves

as a prop appears to be pre-

venting any serious pressure

on the currency. Official re-

serves data out today is ex-

pected to indicate only slight intervention in March, with

reserves falling only about

Paul Chertkow, chief cur-

rency strategist at Citicorp.

said: "There's no sterling cri-

sis. Falls like this against the

mark are nothing." He saw

the foreign exchange dealers,

in contrast to the money and

gilts markets, as taking a relaxed view of a Labour gov-

ernment, given the commit-ment the shadow chancellor

has made to keeping the pound at its ERM central

"The risk is on interest rates, not exchange rates."

Mr Chertkow said, although

he believes the pound could

ease to about DM2.80 before

FT-SE 100

City is coming to terms

with defeat for Tories

By Michael Clark and Martin Waller

been successful. By the close, 701 million shares had

changed hands, but this was

swollen by bed and breakfast

transactions to establish a

Worst hit were the privati-

sation shares, including those

singled out for possible re-nationalisation by Labour. The electricity distributors

suffered, with London Elec-

tricity down 27p at 222p. Seeboard 16p at 230p and Manweb 24p at 257p. Power generators also suffered set-

backs with National Power

45p lower at 191p and

PowerGen 5p at 200p. Gilts

fell by more than £2 at the

outset, reflecting the latest fall

in the pound and quarter-point rise in short-term inter-

est rates. Losses at the close

Labour victory would see the

FT-SE fall immediately to

about 2,200, a hung parlia-ment would bring a fall to

2,350 and a Tory victory

would mean an advance to

2,600. It takes a more san-

guine view a year hence, be-

lieving whatever party is in

power, operation of the nor-

Nomura's view is that a

were reduced to £1 4.

year-end tax loss.

rate of DM2.95.

\$100 million.

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

election day. The pound's lower limit against the mark

Glenn Davies, chief econo-

mist at Credit Lyonnais, pre-

dicted the next interest rate

move will be upwards, as the

pound comes under pressure

in the next month or two in

the event of an outright Lab-

our victory or a hung Parlia-

Ruth Lea, chief economist at Mitsubishi Bank, foresees

a "definite currency risk" if

Labour wins, but expects Mr

Smith to sanction an early

base rate prove his ERM cre-

dentials rather than allow

The policy-setting council of the Bundesbank holds its

regular fortnightly session to-

day, but no change in key

interest rates, of vital impor-

tance to the direction of British interest rates, is expected. Most economists foresee the

Bundesbank easing rates in

the third quarter, but some, like Mr Davies, believe the Germans could tighten fur-

ther if money supply growth

In America, the National

Association of Purchasing

Management survey for

March showed a rise to 54.1.

from 52.4 in February, when

February construction

spending showed an unex-pected fall, but this was only

due to an upward revision in January's figure, traders said.

The figures fitted well with

the emerging picture of more

mal economic cycle would move the market on again.

John Reynolds at County

NatWest said the City was

reacting to the first clear indi-

cation that the Labour party

might achieve an overall ma-

jority in the next parliament,

as indicated by the polls on Tuesday night. "An outright Labour victory hadn't been

priced into the market. If the

polls stay as they are and the

markets start to believe that

Labour will get in, they will

discount that fact. I don't

think we've seen the worst.

We've seen a taste of how bad

Mark Tinker at Kleinwort

Benson said the market's vol-

atility was a result both of the

City's fear of a Labour gov-

ernment and of the general

uncertainty, and the removal

of this uncertainty, even at the

expense of a Labour victory,

would prompt some recovery.

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the markets can go."

established recovery.

does not slow.

53.0 was forecast.

market doubts to fester.

is DM2.7783.

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

TODAY IN BUSINESS

SDAY APRIL 2 1907

BALL 4

SUN SETTING

The humbling of the oncemighty Sun Alliance continues today when Henry Lambert, the chairman, is expected to disclose losses of more than £420 million Page 25

NO RESPITE

Tokyo's Nikkei share index has slumped to a sixyear low despite a 0.75 point cut in the discount Page 22

INTEREST rates in

London's money markets

rose yesterday, reflecting

increasing concern over a

Labour election victory.

The key three-month in-

terbank lending rate

moved sharply ahead in a

frantic market early yes-

terday, rising almost half

If money markets continue

to be unsettled over the next

few days, the high street banks will come under in-

creasing pressure to raise their base rates, which have

been stuck at 10.5 per cent

By the end of the day, the

market was calmer, with the

three-month money back

down to 113/16 per cent,

which was still more than a

quarter of a point up from Tuesday, when rates had firmed slightly. The one-

month money rate-increased

a quarter of a point to 104

per cent. Pinned to its effect-

ive floor in the European ex-

change-rate mechanism,

sterling dropped almost three quarters of pfennig to DM2.8515 at the official

Against the dollar, it

dropped more than a cent to \$1.7245. The trade-weighted

index was 0.2 of a point lower

at 90, after having stood at

89.9 for most of the day. The

pound was indicated at 53

per cent of its allowed swing

below its ERM central rate

against the equ. against 49

Dealers detected no sign of

CITY investors have finally

begun facing up to the possi-bility of the Labour party

winning an overall majority at the poils next week.

Shares and gilts fell sharply with the FT-SE 100 Index

tumbling 56 points in the first half hour's trading as

market-makers went on the defensive. But some bear cov-

ering saw the deficit fall to

31.5 at 2,408.6 by the close.

The index has now fallen 166

points since the date of the

"The fact that the market is

reacting to this shows how

much a Conservative victory

was already priced in," said

Anthony Broccardo, an equi-

ty strategist at Nomura Re-search Institute. "People are

having to come to terms with

Details of the polls were

picked up overnight in New

York where British compan-

ies were heavily marked down. A 764-point fall in

Tokyo only exacerbated the

problems for dealers in Lon-

don when business resumed.

Prices were called sharply

lower in order to deter sellers.

a tactic that appears to have

By Ross Tieman

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE imposition of sanctions against

Libya from April 15 will provide a trial

by fire for changes in the Department of Trade and Industry's export licensing arrangements, introduced in the wake

Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Liby-

an leader, has threatened to halt busi-

ness with "hostile" countries. Unless

that threat is implemented and applied

to Britain, the DTI will be under pres-

sure to apply exceedingly high stan-

dards for granting export licences to

Many industrialists are concerned

that DII procedures still put the onus

on manufacturers to ensure trade sanc-

tions are effective. "The DTI will have to

of the Iraqi supergun affair.

British manufacturers.

Labour.'

election was announced.

per cent on Tuesday.

London close.

since early September.

a point at one stage.

COUNT ON IT



Robert Bruce predicts radical reform for the accountancy profession, whatever the outcome of

Accountancy, page 29

BAD ALCHEMY

group, again shocked the stock market by passing the final dividend. Its shares fell 40p to 26p.

TV WINDFALL?

LWT's shares closed within 15p of triggering a £40 million bonanza for 44 senior executives, including Melvyn Bragg

THE POUND

US dollar 1.7245 (~0.0105) German mark 2.8515 (-0.0069) **Exchange Index** 90.0 (-0.2) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

1878.9 (-24.6) FT-SE 100 2408.6 (-31.5) New York Dow Jones 3220.04 (-15.43)* Tokyo Nikkei Avge 18581.79 (-764.16)

INTEREST RATES

gener 1879 :

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188 200

3-month interbank 113-is-114% 3 month eligible bills 109-is-103-is% US: Prime Rate 6%% Federal Funds 434%* 3-month Treasury Bills 4 02-4.00%* 30 year bonds 100²³22-100²⁶28*

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GOLD

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) ... \$18 30 bbi (\$18 15)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 136.3 February (1987=100) * Denotes midday trading price

be better organised than they were last time." a representative of one industrial trade association said. The sanctions agreed by the United Nations Security Council will take effect

Gadaffi makes life tough for DTI subjects wanted by Britain and America

in connection with the bombing of the

Pan Am airliner that crashed on the Scottish town of Lockerbie in 1988 with

the loss of 270 lives. The restrictions are designed to prevent all foreign flights by Libyan Arab Airlines, enforce a complete international ban on arms sales to Libya, and

restrict the activities of Libyan diplomats overseas. But one clause of the UN measures threatens to affect the bulk of Britain's exports to Libya. The sanctions include a ban on the sale or licensing of any equipment used in the manufacture or

maintenance of military equipment. Ensuring that a particular piece of equipment is destined for peaceful pur-

poses is likely to prove difficult.

Libya is a relatively modest customer for British industry. Britain none the less exported goods there worth £255 million last year, and those sales were dominated by machinery. In the ten months to October, exports to Libya if Libya fails to hand over two of its were: industrial machinery and equip-

ment, £34.8 million; power-generating machinery, £22.6 million; specialist machinery, £19.4 million; and scientific instruments, £14.6 million.

Under the Export of Goods Control Order 1991, many exports of so-called dual-use equipment already require li-cences. Applications must be made to the DTT's Export Control Organisation.

In evidence to the trade and industry select committee inquiry into the supergun affair last November, Mike Coolican, head of the ECO, said that he had been given more staff as a result of the deficiencies exposed by that case. The organisation now also makes much more use of computers, and keeps better records of licence enquiries.

But Mr Coolican also acknowledged that the system was largely "self-regulatory", because the department relied heavily upon companies' knowledge of planned use for equipment they sold. Full details of sanctions to be applied against Libya will be published by the

foreign office if Colonel Gadaffi fails to

meet the deadline.

Pet project: George Paul (left), H&C chief executive, and Bill Turcan, finance director, launch a dry dog food

New doubt emerges over **O&Y** loans

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

FRESH doubts were raised yesterday over C\$781 million (£390 million) of Olympia & York Development loans after a credit rating agency placed two debts under review and a syndicate of banks refused to grant time exten-

sions on other repayments.

In Montreal, the Canadian
Bond Rating Service signalled it was poised to raise the risk on C\$100 million of debentures and C\$231 million of short-term credit, the collateral for which has fallen below pre-agreed levels.

In Toronto, a syndicate of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, and which includes several European banks, declined to grant a year's extension to a C\$450 million loan secured on O&Y's 68-storey Scotia Plaza in Toronto. Those close to the negotiations say the banks are unlikely to declare a default on the oan or seek a sale of the property, but the move gives them the option to force a bankruptcy and could give them an edge in the debt restructuring talks that are

due to start on Monday. Analysis say the action is likely to be typical of moves that some of the 100 bank lenders could try in an attempt to increase the strength of their negotiating position. A spokesman for O&Y indicated the bank's action was not dramatic.

The new finance committee at O&Y is compiling a list of the estimated C\$20 billion of debts owed by the world's largest property company -builder of Canary Wharf at London's Docklands which has delayed a £40 million downpayment on an extension to the Jubilee underground line.

O&Y's C\$300 million short-term credit commercial paper issue is, the Bond Diary, page 16 Leading article Rating Service says, on credit watch with negative implica-tions. The agency is also reviewing C\$100 million of debentures in Olympia & ment, page 25 York Euro-Creditco Ltd.

Europe and US end dispute over Airbus

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EIGHT years of dispute between Europe and America over subsidies to Airbus have ended with agreement by both sides on future subsidies to civil aircraft makers. The agreement is expected to pro-

industry. The deal is remarkable for having been reached in the sour atmosphere pervading all trade talks between Brussels and Washington because of the deadlock over farm subsidies. It is also the first international agreement to attempt to control subsidies in the civilian aircraft

duce a leaner global aircraft

Approval is still needed from President Bush and EC ministers. Full details were not released yesterday, but the document agreed to set a limit on direct and indirect public payments at well below the 45 per cent level for which the EC had been arguing. The cap set on direct subside is understood to be close to 33 per cent. American delegates

said that if the deal were

confirmed. Washington would not issue a complaint at the EC over the Airbus subsidy under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). America has accepted for

the first time international

limits on both direct and indirect subsidies — the latter often hidden in defence research contracts - to aircraft companies such as Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. American aircraft manufacturers alleged that the Airbus consortium, which has made large inroads into the American jet market, competes un-fairly because of the high level of public subsidy from the British, French, German and Spanish governments. American manufacturers claim that Airbus has enjoyed \$25 billion of support in 20 years; the EC counterclaimed that American firms received \$41

billion over the past 15 years. The EC and America will try to extend the terms of the agreement to other Gatt

H&C buys farm feed activities

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIALEDITOR

HARRISON'S & Crosfield has bought Unilever's BOCM-Silcock and Unitrition farm animal feed businesses for £67 million in cash. The deal more than dou-

bles the size of its existing Paul's business and makes it the biggest supplier to the market, with an initial 24 per cent share.

The purchase will be paid for by further disposals of assets. BOCM-Silcock and Unitrition made £5.1 million profit on £300 million of sales for Unilever, but George Paul, H&C's chief executive, said that after Unilever cenout, profits would be £11 million. H&C announced a maintained dividend of 9p. helping its shares to rise by 2n to 126p, despite a 33 per cent fall in pre-tax profit in the year to December 31 on sales up 2 per cent at £1.83 billion. its building products and chemicals businesses were hit by recession.

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Discount rate cut in Japan fails to impress markets

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Bank of Japan has cut its official discount rate, the nation's key lending rate, by 75 basis points to 3.75 per cent, the lowest level since December 1989. However, the financial markets were not impressed and the Nikkei shares index reacted by turnbling to a six-year low of 18.581.79, a level 55 per cent worse than the marker's high, set at the end of 1989.

Market analysts said the discount rate cut had been anticipated for so long that its potentially positive effect had already been discounted. Yasushi Mieno, governor of the central bank, said the cut "was judged appropriate by taking account of the overall economic development, including weaker domestic activity and recent trends in prices, money supply and market interest rates."

Japan's gross national product shrank for the first time in two and a half years in the October-December quarter last year and is expected to register another reduction in the January-March quarter this year. Money supply growth has slowed to its slowest pace and industrial output fell in February, year on year, a fifth consecutive monthly

Chris Appleton, manager of equity sales at Baring Securities, said: "The market declined because the economy is still seen as very weak,

because Tuesday's economic backed up the move, saying it rescue package was disappointing and because of a prevailing mood that there will be no-more rate cuts for

A Bank of Japan official said yesterday that the next time the central bank adjusts the discount rate, it will be in an upward direction.

Equity traders in Tokyo reported a higher than average volume of transactions yester-day -- an estimated 300 million shares changed hands but aimost all were sales. Mr Appleton expects the

Nikkei index to recover slightly short-term, but he believes further slides in the stock market are now inevitable. There is a lot of talk of severe problems in the banking sector. . .and once the market is allowing collapses like this, it could start to feed on itself and just spiral down." Business and political lead-

ers rallied to support Mr Mieno's move. Rokuro Ishikawa, chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said: "The reduction is an appro-priate step and is expected to help promote corporate capital spending and housing investment." Shin Kanemaru, vice-president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said the central bank's move should spur business activity. Most leaders of Japan's

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was timely and appropriate

after Tuesday's emergency

economic package, at the core of which lies 2 trillion

en (£9 billion) worth of pub-

lic sector investment in the

first half of the new fiscal year

The lone voice of Tomiichi

Akiyama, president of

Sumitomo Corporation, how-ever, admitted to disappoint-

ment, expressing severe doubts that the rate cut will be

effective in bolstering the

economy. "The domestic situ-

ation is far worse than is generally thought," he said,

calling for the central bank to

guide short-term interest

director of Warburg Invest-

ment Trust Management,

said: "The economy needed,

among other things, at least a

full I per cent cut in the

interest rate to make any eff-

Explaining yesterday's fall in the stock market, analysts

pointed to a planned liquida-

tion on the first day of the new

fiscal year of tokkin, or money

trust funds. These had be-

come the home of the pro-

ceeds of the overvalued

"bubble" economy of the late

Eighties that pushed stock

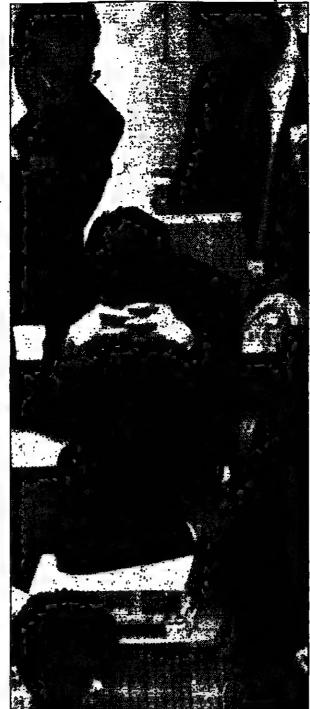
market and real estate prices

up three or four times above

Stephen Cohen, managing

rates lower still.

to boost domestic demand.



Pause for thought: Tokyo traders wait as prices fall

Hogg Group admits overoptimism

JAMES Vaughn, chairman £17 million. Profits from the

of Hogg Group, the insurance broker, has said his expectations of an increase in insurance rates and an upturn in the insurance industry last year have proved to be

Trading was difficult last year, during which overcapacity and soft markets continued to prevail, he said. Hogg made pre-tax profits of £16.8 million in the year to end-December, down from

core broking business im-proved from £11.9 million to £13.2 million and turnover rose from £103 million to £113 million. Earnings fell from 16.4p to 15p a share and the final dividend stays at 5p, making 8.15p for the year, up from 8p. The shares fell 19p to 167p.
In the UK, the group's re-

tail branches continued to face intense competition and Mr Vaughn said. "The anticipated hardening of the market did not materialise, but there are some grounds for optimisim in 1992," he added. Financial Services and Risk Management Services continued to progress.

Profitability improved at the London wholesale divisions, while the marine and non-marine divisions were helped by stronger markets and new business.

ciation and Investment Insurance International maintained their positions as mortest leaders in credit and political risk insurance, but the recession hurt Hogg Insurance Marketing Services.

The Lloyd's Members Agencies saw profits fall from £1.4 million to £600,000. The group was involved in the Outhwaite settlement and has some names on the syndicates subject to current loss

Emap buys Maxwell exhibition business

In February, Emap paid £21.5 million for all the MBC

Trenton consists of four main trade fairs, covering heating and ventilation, packaging, fluids and com-mercial fishing. There are also several smaller regional

David Arculus, Emap's past two years.

It is now one of Britain's biggest publishers of business magazines, slong with Reed and United Newspapers, and is one of the largest exhibi-tions organisers. The company is expanding into the French consumer magazine murket but intends to remain primarily a UK publisher. Emap paid £10 million for

three consumer titles from Murdoch Magazines last August, including New Woman.

BY JON ASSIWOMTH

EMAP, the fast-growing publishing and exhibitions group, has bought one of the last pieces of Maxwell Business Communications for £4

The purchase of Trenton Group, an exhibitions company, rounds off an aggressive spree of acquisitions by the group that publishes Smash Hits and Q, along with a diverse range of busi-

titles based in central London, including Insurance Age, Planned Savings and The Review.

Emap Events, organiser of the Personal Investment Management Show, held on the Canberra cruise liner each June, is being sold to its management for an undis-closed sum. It will be re-named Richmond Events. Emap's exhibitions divi-

million in the six months to September 1991, compared with a profit of £57,000 in the same months of 1990.

The company has been expanding aggressively, despite a sharp downturn in advertising revenue that miggered a 28 per cent slump in interim pre-tax profits last year.

group managing director, said the recession had enabled the company to make acquisitions at realistic prices. The company entered the recession without any gearing and has spent £80 million on purchases in the

BUSINESS ROUNDUP Setback for sale of

Ulster power plants PRIVATISATION of Northern Ireland's power generating PRIVATISATION of Northern Ireland's power generating industry stumbled yesterday — vesting day — when the partnership that is buying two of the province's four power stations was unable to lodge all the agreed £214 million purchase price. The partnership, comprising Tractabel, of Belgium, and America's Applied Energy Systems, asked for Belgium, and America's Applied Energy Systems, asked for more time. It wants to buy Ulster's newest power station. Kilrood, and its oldest, Belfast West. It said it was confident of raising the balance from a consortium of banks and of completing the deal next month.

completing the deal next month. Northern Ireland's economic development department took control of the two stations for the time being. British Gas, meanwhile, took over the station at Ballylumford, County Antrim, and a management and employee buyout team moved in at the Coolkeragh plant, near Londonderry.

NI Electricity remains in being as a transmission and retailing grid and will be privatised through a public

Sherwood dividend up

DESPITE the recession, which is particularly deep in DESPITE the recession, which is particularly deep in computer services. Sherwood Computer Services is raising its dividend after a 22.8 per cent advance in full-year profits. Increased efficiency and improved margins helped Sherwood, a USM-quoted computer software supplier to the wood, a USM-quoted computer software supplier to the financial and public sector, lift pre-tax profits to £2.45 million in the year to end-December (£1.99 million). Turnover was £22.3 million (£24.8 million), reflecting exclusion of revenue from the disaster recovery business, which was transferred into a joint venture with ICL. The final dividend is 4.5p (3.75p), giving an increased total of 6p for the year (5.25p). Earnings per share jump 33 per cent to 24.7p a share, with fully diluted earnings ahead 26 per cent to 19.6p a share. The shares firmed 1p to 195p.

Radamec pays out

RADAMEC Group, an electronics and precision engineer that makes control systems, is returning to dividend payments after pre-tax profits of £345,000 in the year to end-December (£396,000 loss). The improvement in trading was largely due to a substantially better result from Radamec Defence Systems, aided by short-term benefits to the order book thanks to the Gulf conflict, improved efficiency and higher margin contracts. The group also benefited from lower interest charges of £300,000 (£549,000). Gearing has been reduced to 39.3 per cent from 62.3 per cent. Group turnover declined to £10.3 million (£12.1 million). A dividend of 0.5p is recommended for the year (none). Earnings were 1.9p a share (1.8p loss).

Capital edges ahead

CAPITAL and Regional Properties made pre-tax profits of £367,000 in the year to December 25, 1991, up from £352,000. The profit was due to a £666,000 surplus on the sale of investment properties. At the operating level, the group made a loss of £214,000, compared with a profit of £352,000. Earnings per share rose from 0.91p to 1.26p. The final dividend is 0.7p, making 1p for the year (0.9p). Rental and fee income rose from £4.62 million to £5.24 million and there was an extraordinary charge of £1.19 million for the group's attempted financial reconstruction of Sheraton Securities International and for an investment in the 545 North Michigan Avenue Partnership.

North British rises

THE net asset value at North British Canadian Investment THE net asset value at North British Canadian Investment Company, the investment trust, increased to 112.3p per share at the end of February, compared with 91.2p a year earlier. Pre-tax revenue advanced to £1.22 million for the year, against £1.11 million last time. Total revenue increased to £1.47 million, against £1.41 million, with more than 50 per cent of the company's investments in European equities. A final dividend of 2.35p is being proposed, making an improved total of 3.25p for the year, against 3.05p.

"Earnings per share, adjusted for last June's three-for-one Earnings per share, adjusted for last June's three-for-one capitalisation issue, climbed from 3.1p to 3.39p a share.

Senior sets record

p, led by PTOI Smith as chairman, bucked the recession in 1991 to report record pre-tax profits of £18.3 million, up from £16 million in 1990. A final dividend of 1.95p (1.78p) makes 3.15p a share (2.86p) for the year, and Sir Roland says Senior is confident it can show resilience to the British recession in 1992. In February, Senior raised £26 million in a rights Issue to fund the acquisition in America of Flexonics, the flexible tube and metal hose group, which is expected to make a contribution to group profits in its own right this

Antares alters name

ANTARES, the fuel distribution and engineering group formerly known as United Guarantee, is changing its name again. It is taking the name Harrison Industries from the company it acquired through a reverse takeover in January. The £14 million deal added industrial products ranging from garage doors and castings to electronic security systems. The company has sold its loss-making Mynos retail division, which owned Covent Garden General Stores. Barry Giddings, chief executive, said he hoped Harrison would be more streamlined as an industrial group.

Pension lifts Lerose

HOUSE of Lerose, the women's fashion group, has benefited from a £2.96 million surplus in its pension fund, which pushed pre-tax profits in 1991 to £3.63 million, up from £854,000. Without the exceptional income profits would have been £675,000, down from £854,000. Turnover fell from £16.8 million to £13.3 million and earnings per them pre-exceptional, were £40, down from £16.8 from £16.8 million to £13.3 million and earnings per them. share, pre-exceptional, were 8.4p, down from 11.6p. Final dividend is 7.3p, making 10.3p for the year, the same as last time. The shares rose 3p to 137p.

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up in recession BY OUR CITY STAFF ASH & Lacy, the West Mid-Stable copper prices helped non-ferrous distribution activities and margins were

Ash & Lacy holds

lands metals processor, continues to hold up well in the face of recession, with pre-tax profits just 5 per cent lower in the 1991 trading year. Howard Marshall, managing director, says the balance sheet was cash-positive and "very

strong" at the year end.
Difficult domestic conditions trimmed turnover by 3 per cent to £54.5 million. After slightly higher distribu-tion costs and administration expenses, operating profits were slightly lower at 54.8 million (£4.89 million). A sharp fall in other income less interest payable, from £157,000 to £4,000, helped trim pre-tax profits from £5 million to £4.8 million.

Mr Marshall said that overall, galvanising profits were down during the year and the French companies in the division were affected by a downturn in their markets in the last quarter of the year. higher. Volumes fell, but thanks to the better margins and tighter cost controls, non-ferrous distribution profits rose. Manufacturing activities reported lower profits.

It was a positive year for capital spending, Mr Mar-shall said. "We now have the most advanced expanded metal line in Europe and in France the first heavy section painting line to be integrated with galvanising."

The company proposes an unchanged final dividend of 3.9p, making a total of 6.4p, the same as 1990. The dividend was twice covered by carnings of 13.12p (13.53p). There were no signs of re-covery, Mr Marshall said, but Ash & Lacy remained in a strong position to respond to

the world recession. The

shares were unchanged at

Adwest pegs payout but profits tumble

By PHILIP PANGALOS ADWEST Group is main-

taining its dividend at 1.25p a share, despite a 34 per cent decline in first half profits as depressed conditions took their toll on the automotive components; engineering

and property group.

Pre-tax profits fell to £2.03 million in the six months to end-December, against £3.07 million. Group turnover dipped to £60.5 million, compared with £61.8 million. with the automotive side accounting for about 60 per cent of total turnover.

Fred Grant, chairman, said: "The back end of last year was horrid for manufacturing." Adwest felt the effects of its large exposure to the beleaguered Jaguar group, where the company makes power steering for the luxury carmaker.

Mr Grant said, however, that the group had done "very. well" with Land Rover and Nissan, where the group is a



Grant: better prospects nominated supplier. After a difficult period, prospects for the defence operations are somewhat brighter. "The past problems are now behind us; things are starting to look up," he said. The property division is holding up well, with rental income "going up this year". .

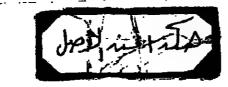
Earnings dropped from 3.2p a share to 2.3p. The shares eased 6p to 86p.

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The company is taking the

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Shares in

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SHARES in Young Group, the opencast coal mining company run by Bob Young, the miner's son turned mil-

lionaire, have been suspend-

ed for the second time in six

weeks pending an announce-

Shares in the USM-quoted company were suspended in

similar circumstances on

February 18. A warning that

profits for the year would be

'substantially lower" than ex-

pected sent the shares turn-

bling from 96p to 39p when trading started on March 3.

The shares were suspended at

Directors spent the day locked in talks with Lazard

Brothers, the company's fi-

nancial adviser. Young has been in talks with its bankers

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about provision of additional

working capital. Geological

difficulties have affected pro-

The company is believed to

be in negotiations over its

Venezuelan operation with

Peabody, an American sub-sidiary of Hanson.

Nazmu Virani, chairman

and chief executive of Control

Securities, the leisure and

property group, has failed in

an attempt to secure bail in

the High Court.
Mr Virani, aged 45. of
Putney, south-west London,

appeared at City of London

magistrates' court on Tues-

day after his arrest the previ-

ous day. He is charged with

conspiring with others to account falsely to the value of \$4 million. He remains re-

manded in custody until

His arrest came as part of a continuing investigation by the Serious Fraud Office into

the affairs of the Bank of

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The takeover panel has ruled

that Petrocon Group's take-over offer for James Wilkes.

which had attracted accep-

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MacGregor, Mountleigh's chairman. Mr Gerard's appointment takes Mountleigh's board back up to 15 members, despite an undertaking by Sir Ian at last October's annual meeting that the board would be slimmed down as part of a cost-cutting programme. Since the

BY MARTIN WALLER ments, by 50 per cent to 5.90625p, but says no further rise can take place until the first possible date for the con-

Under the financial structuring approved by shareholders in November 1989, the bonuses payable to 44 key executives as part of the "golden handcuffs" to keep them at the station into the next franchise period are triggered at that conversion date, depending on the share price performance. But for the maximum bonuses to become available, the shares have to rise only 15p to 278p

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and stay there until then. The complex bonus scheme was fixed on a sliding scale. However, at that price the management would then hold shares bought for about E3 million, but worth £42 million and representing al-most 15 per cent of the company. Among the beneficiar-ies are Melvyn Bragg, who would hold shares worth £1.7 million, and Christopher Bland, the group chairman, whose holding would be

worth more than £5 million. LWT, which regained the franchise in last year's bid-ding round, is calling for a relaxation of the rules that prevent television companies bidding for each other, and would like to see large companies allowed to link up with

medium-sized ones. LWT says some relaxation will be essential, in the form of rescue bids for companies that bid too much to keep their franchises. "Some high bidders will find it difficult to survive on their own," said

Bowthorpe to purchase 'black box' maker

BOWTHORPE Holdings, the electrical and electronic products group, is to pay 130.2 million for Penny & Giles, an electronic instrumentation maker famous for "black box" flight

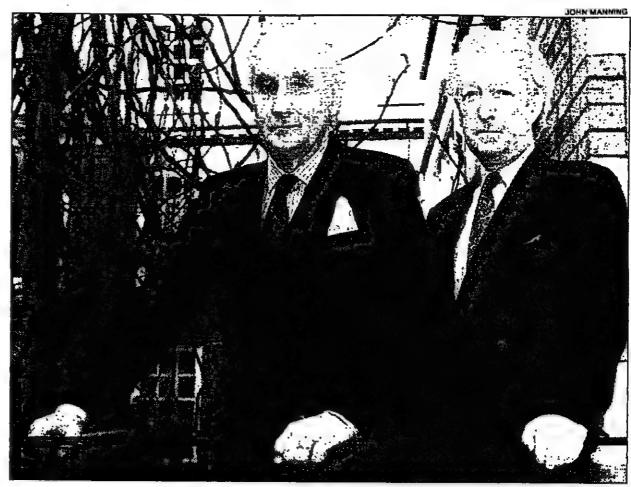
The recommended offer will be the first major acquisition by the company since Dr John Westhead took over as chief executive last year. Dr Westhead said yesterday that the acquisition would allow Penny & Giles to develop international markets and production facilities for its products, which include aerospace instruments and hightech sensors. There were considerable technical synergles with Bow orpe's exisiting products in these areas, he added.

Bowthorpe is offering 136 new shares for every 100 Penny & Giles shares held, valuing them at 321 p. a 37 per cent premium to the market price at the close of business on Tuesday. The offer represents a multiple of 15.7 times Penny & Giles historic earnings per share of 20.5p for the year ended March 31, 1991. Shares in Penny & Giles yesterday rose 75p to close at 310p. There is a partial cash alternative of one new Bowthorpe share and 84p in cash. The deal will

be marginally dilutive in the first year after the acquisition. Penny & Giles reported pre-tax profits of E2.9 million for the year to end-March 1991 on turnover of £33.7 million and had net assets of £16.7 million. In the six months to end-September it made profits before tax of £1.1 million (£1.3 million.)

Bowthorpe has already acquired or received irrevocable acceptances for more than 40 per cent of the shares, includ-ing those held by the two founders of the company and

In a trading statement, Bowthorpe said that the recession appeared to be bottoming out in America and the UK, but that the German and Japanese economies were showing signs of slowing. Recovery is likely to be modest and probably more apparent in the latter rather than the earlier part of the year", Bowthorpe said. Bowthorpe shares fell 2p to



Plotting a course to takeover: Dr John Westhead (left) and Colin McCarthy, finance director

Fimbra halts sale of US unlisted stock

By Tony Hetherington

FIMBRA, the investor protection body, has ordered a firm of financial advisers to cease selling unlisted shares in a Florida company that markets orange juice and organises a "Miss Manne-

quin" model competition.

The advisers, Wadsworth
Bates Limited, of Wetherby. West Yorkshire, claim the shares are set to show a spectacular 400 per cent price rise in no more than six months. However, no accounts or prospectus are available and the individual promoting the issue is unknown to the Finan-Intermediaries.

Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) A mailshot sent to potential investors by Wadsworth Bates says it has been appointed UK co-ordinator for a placing of 1 million shares in International Industries Inc. a small company based in Orlando, Florida. The circular says Wadsworth Bates is a submantial shareholder in the American business.

A letter signed by Simon Duckworth of Wadsworth Bates claims: "The placing price is 65c (38p), but after recent discussions with Nasdag, the mechanics are in motion for a further issue in 3-6 months at a price of \$3.20 (E1.88), which would result in a full Nasdaq listing at that price — a 400 per cent increase." The letter also claims that the issue is

Fimbra approved International Industries Inc is said to supply orange juice to 220 British supertion to unlisted American markets and to control a franstocks. Investment advice has chise business of professional been given to clients by a modelling schools in Ameriperson not authorised by ca. Speaking before the sales Fimbra, namely Mr Simon ban imposed by Fimbra, Mr Duckworth." Fimbra is also understood

Duckworth said the company was "too new" for any acto have objected to the claim counts to have been prepared. Despite claims by Wadsby Wadsworth Bates that the share issue was approved by the watchdog body. Although the firm was authorised by worth Bates that negotiations for a share listing on Nasdaq have gone well, officials of the Fimbra to offer such invest-American shares network say ments, Fimbra does not pass no application has been reopinion on the shares ceived from International Industries Inc. Fimbra said it Mr Duckworth, said last had intervened to protect

Wadsworth Bates clients. A

spokeswoman said: "The

company has been ordered

not to enter into any transac-

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night that he had offered potential investors only facts, and not investment advice. Fimbra had not listened to his side of the story. He said:
"I think it is high-handed and irresponsible on their part."

Efficient pits set record for Coal

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Coal has made a profit for the second year running, after achieving a record increase in productivity. Neil Clarke, the chairman.

Although Mr Clarke did not disclose the level of profit in the year to end-March, he said that it had been achieved despite a cut in the real price of coal during the past five years of 30 per cent, and with the lowest accident rate on

The state-owned corporation is under severe pressure to reduce costs. Its contracts to supply National Power and PowerGen, the privatised generating companies. at about £47 a tonne compared with about £35 tonne for imported coal, expire in 12

Output from British Coal's deep mines was 70.5 million tonnes, down I million tonnes on the previous year. despite the closure of 15 pits and the loss of 14,000 min-

British Coal has 50 deep mines, employing 44,000 colliery workers. Productivity rose 12.8 per cent to 5.3 tonnes a man-shift, and has since reached 5.7 tonnes a man-shift.

A British Coal spokesman said 80 per cent of the improvement was down to improved mining techniques and equipment. The com-pany invested £368 million in new equipment in the year to March 1991. The rest was achieved by the closure of the corporation's least efficient

Mr Clarke said BCC was determined to achieve productivity of 7.5 tonnes per man-shift within two years. The future of British Coal

tion depends upon the outcome of the general election. Under a Conservative administration, the corporation would faces contraction and privatisation. A Labour gov-ernment would seek to restrict imports and to preserve the group at about its present

Shares slump as MTM gives warning of no final dividend

BY MARTIN WALLED

MTM, the chemicals group. has shocked the market again with the news that its longawaited final results are not yet ready, the company is in breach of banking covenants and there is no prospect of a final dividend for last year. The company paid a final of 3.4p for 1990, which made 5.1p. MTM's interim divi-dend for last year was raised

10 per cent to 1.87p. The company has also conceded that a thorough report on its books and accounting policies being carried out by BDO Binder Hamlyn, the auditor, could require the restatement of earlier profit announcements, perhaps going back as far as the stock market flotation in 1986.

The shares lost two thirds of their value at one point yesterday, finally ending 40p lower at 26p. They were valued at

286p a month ago, before the first of several profit warnings and shock announcements. Richard Lines, the chairman, and Tom Baxter, the finance director, have resigned.

The delayed results for last year were due on Monday, but the company has said



Swete: rescue head

they will have to await the outcome of the auditor's report into the circumstances

Trevor Swete, a one-time head of corporate finance at

ment on its debts and will then attempt to agree a further financial restructuring with the banks once the result of the auditor's enquiry is

that prompted the profits shortfall and into the company's accounting policies and will not now appear until

Hill Samuel, is heading a rescue team being sent to MTM by Postern Executive Group, the corporate man-agement specialist led by Sir Lewis Robertson, the company doctor.
The company is waiting to

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Investors expect hung parliament

BY PHILLIP PANGALOS

PROFESSIONAL City investors think the Conservatives have the best long-term economic policies, but an increasing number expect a hung parliament, according to a Gallup survey of fund managers for Smith New Court, the securities house. Some 89 per cent of fund managers, polled on Monday

parliament, compared with per cent at the time of the previous survey early in March. About 80 per cent think the Conservatives have the best long-term programme for the economy, compared with 9 per cent for the Liberal Democrats and 6 per cent for Labour. Some 60 per cent believe a Labour government with an overall

majority would realign sterling in the next 12 months.

The survey says that 89 per cent of fund managers think the general economic situation will improve over the next 12 months if there is a Conservative majority. Under a Labour government, 40 per cent think the outlook for the economy would get better

and Tuesday, expect a hung Banker appointed Mountleigh chief

BY MATTHEW BOND

MOUNTLEIGH, a group with interests in property and Spanish retailing, has appointed an American banker as chief executive. Steven Gerard joins the lossmaking company six months after Clive Strowger resigned from the post after being publicly criticised by the London

Stock Exchange. For the past 15 years, Mr Gerard, aged 46, has worked for Citibank, the American bank that is also one of Mountleigh's lead banks. However, the company was at pains to point out yesterday that Mr Gerard had been appointed not by the bank but by Sir Ian

annual meeting, two new directors, John Cohlan and Kevin Gregory, have been appointed and Mr Gregory has taken over from Jeff Warren as group finance director. However, a company spokesman said Mr Gerard's appointment should enable the reduction in board

numbers to go ahead. Any connection Mr Gerard might have had with Mountleigh during his career at Citibank has been "peripheral rather than specific", the spokesman said. His most recent job at Citibank was as senior managing director for credit, portfolio and risk management in Europe, North America, Japan and

Given Mountleigh's recent record — the company lost £96 million in the year

to last April and in January revealed £73

million of losses in the first half of the

current year — it will be Mr Gerard's experience heading Citibank's interna-

tional recovery management group that

company with significant economic value which is hampered by the well documented problems in the property market and an inappropriate debt structure," he said. "It is my intention to implement a strategically focused operating plan which will be satisfactory to all creditors and which will result in maximising

will be most valuable in his new role. Mr

Gerard said he was excited by the

challenges Mountleigh posed: "This is a

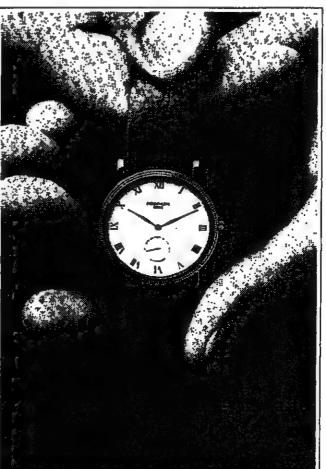
value for shareholders." He said he

planned to unlock value in the group's

property assets and in Galerias, the

Spanish department store chain. Mountleigh's £125 million sale of the Merry Hill shopping centre in Dudley, West Midlands, to a consortium of investors has not yet been completed. However, the spokesman said the company was confident that the deal announced in January - would be con-

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CONRAD Black, Canadian proprietor of the Daily and Sunday Telegraph, has severed his connection with Lord Stevens, the rival publisher, and sold his entire holding in United Newspapers, owner of the Daily and Sunday Express and The Star. Hollinger Inc., the parent company, confirmed that it is moving towards a public of-fering of Daily Telegraph

Smith New Court and Cazenove, the brokers, disposed of the 17.25 million shares, 8.8 per cent of the equity, after arranging a bought deal for an undisclosed sum. The shares were later placed with various City institutions at 350p each. valuing the entire stake at

Mr Black's decision to end his relationship with United Newspapers has ended any remaining bid speculation surrounding United shares and left him nursing an estimated loss on his investment of about £21 million. Mr Black made his first invest-ment in United in March 1989, and is believed to have paid prices ranging from 450p to 500p for his total stake. He is thought to have

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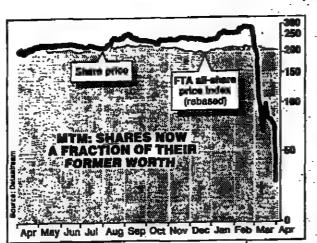
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bought the stake in United in the hope of negotiating a series of joint ventures between the two companies. But these failed to materialise and speculation in the past few months suggests that the personal relationship between the two press barons had deteriorated. Last week, United Newspapers reported an 11 per cent drop in 1991 pre-tax profits to £85.2 million. Meanwhile, share prices

and government securities fell sharply after the three latest opinion polls gave the Labour party a commanding lead. Details of the polls were picked up overnight in New York, where British companies with an American depository receipt suffered heavy falls. Dealers in London also had to contend with a sharp overnight fall in To-

Within the first half hour of trading, the FT-SE 100 index was showing a loss of 56 points, its low point of the day. Having dipped, briefly, below the crucial 2,400 level, the index rallied to finish 31.5 down at 2,408.6. The index has now fallen 166 points since the election was announced on March 11. Dealers reported early selling trading as the pound came



pressure from fund managers, but were taking the view last night that things could have been worse. Turnover reached 701 million shares.

short-term interest rates rose by a quarter point. Prices at the longer end eventually closed nursing falls of £1 4...

The problems confronting sellers in a falling market were clearly reflected in Lasmo, the oil exploration group. Smith New Court, the broker, was forced to accept a heavy discount when trying to place 3.5 utillion shares. SNC completed the deal at 172p, having already seen the price fall 11p to 184p.

but was swollen by large numbers of bed-and-breakfast transactions in order to establish a tax loss ahead of the financial year-end. Gilts were down almost £2 in early

There was selective support at reduced levels for internaexposure to the domestic economy. BOC Group rose 4p to 657p, Cadbury Schweppes firmed lp to 439p. early fail to finish only 10p lighter at £11.10.

Some of the heaviest losses were seen among the privatised companies amid growing concern that a Labour government may consider a programme of renationalisation. These fears were most effectively reflected among the electricity Double figure falls were re-

corded among the distribu-tors, with Eastern down 21p tors, with Eastern down 21p to 204p, East Midland 26p to 207p, London 30p to 219p, Manweb 25p to 250p, Midland 20p to 220p, Northern 16p to 234p, Norweb 21p to 244p, Seeboard 17p to 229p, Southern 17p to 216p, South Wales 25p to 259p, South Wales 25p to 259p, South West 20p to 221p, Yockshire 18p to 276p, while the electricity package dropped £218 to £2,270. The power generators fared little better, with PowerGen down 8p at 198p, National Power 5p at 190p, Scottish Hydro 8p so 82p and Scottish Power 8 ap to

The prospect of re-nationalisation also depressed the water companies, with Anglian off 7p at 318p, North

brian 11p at 354p, North West 7p at 333p, Severa Treat 9p at 310p, Southern 7p at 314p, South West 5p at 33Sp, Thames 10p at 33Sp. Weish 9p at 362p, and Wes-

sex 10p at 383p. There was little sign of support for the other privatised companies, with BT falling op to 308p, British Gas 8p to 242p, Associated British Ports 15p to 334p, BAA 5p to 550p, British Airways 4p to 246p, Amersham International 10p to 425p, British Acrospace 8p to 295p. Rolls Royce 2p to 149p and British

Steel 1p to 67p. There is no sign of an upturn in the fortunes of shareholders in MTM, the specialist chemicals group, with the share price plunging 40p to 26p. Only last month the shares were trading around 280p, but collapse after the group issued several profit warnings. Now it says it has broken its banking covenants and does not expect to pay a dividend for last year. Properties saw losses across

the board, but Speyhawk ral-lied, slightly, adding up to

212p dearer at 68p.

MICHAEL CLARK

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Golden handcuffs in the boardroom at LWT prove to be cash well spent

WARDLEY, the merchant banking and investment banking arm of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, announced record results for last year, largely as a result of

After-tax profits soared 51 per cent to HK\$512 million (£38 million), which accounted for about 9 per cent of 1991 net profits of Wardley's parent, HSBC Holdings. The group plans to buy the 85 per cent of shares it does

strong growth in broking.

not already own in Midland Bank, and to seek a dual primary listing on both the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges.

John Mansfield, Wardley's deputy chairman and chief executive said the firm's trad-ing activities in capital markets had done particularly well, contributing to about a third of profits. They included money market and exchange trading, swaps, bonds, shares and, increasingly, futures

and options. Wardley James Capel, the broking subsidiary formed by merging the former Wardley-Thomson and James Capel (Far East) in January, is expected to make a profit this year. HSBC's UK broking arm, James Capel, bounced back strongly from a £30 million deficit in 1990 to a profit of £6.1 million.

Mr Mansfield said the merger was aimed at creating "a world-class regional secu-rities house with global placing power", capable of competing in the region with American investment

He said Wardley's private banking division had expanded its advisory and discretionary management services in Hong Kong. Singapore and Luxembourg. Its corporate finance arm had also performed well, with substantial advisory fees earned in Hong Kong and

About two thirds of Wardley's profits are divided etween private banking and corporate finance

THE inevitable fuss over the windfalls that will almost certainly be shared out by the top brass at LWT (Holdings) will, alas, probably over-shadow the fact that the

well spent.
Not only has the management, led by Christopher
Bland, chairman, taken the company from a market capitalisation of £80 million. when the "golden handcuffs" went on in 1989, to £290 million, but they have also left LWT in as favourable a financial position as almost any of the ITV contractors in the forthcoming franchise

LWT gambled on the quality threshold and bid £7.6 million in the franchise round, in the certain knowledge that a rival consortium had put £35 million on the table. The gamble paid off.

LWT, along with other ITV companies, has had the advantage of the BBC's ailing programme scheduling which has pulled audiences to the commercial channels and acted to offset the fall in advertising revenue caused by the recession. LWT actually managed to increase revenues by 0.5 per cent last year, at a time when the rest of the network saw a 1.6 per cent fall.

This, a £2 million swing on the exchequer levy because of earlier over-provisioning, and falling interest pay-ments brought pre-tax prof-its for 1991 some £2 million ahead of best City estimates at £25.2 million in 1991 an increase on 1990's £20.7

Strong cash flow brought year-end debts down from 44.6 million to £27.4 million, a figure that is expected to haive this year. A measure of the group's profitability, as it goes into the franchise period starting January 1993, is that internal estimates suggested that LWT could probably have bid as much as £28 million for the franchise before shareholders stårted to suffer.

LWTs convertible preference shares, sitting at 145p ahead of the award of



Golden boys: Greg Dyke, chief executive (left), and Christopher Bland

another 5p to 263p on the back of yesterday's figures. The dividend has been lifted 50 per cent for the last time permissible before the shares can first convert, in autumn 1993, but they still offer a yield of just 3 per cent. But Tim Rothwell, at Barciays de Zoete Wedd, expects pre-tax profits of £33 million in the current year, suggesting a forward profits multiple of 13. Those who got in ahead of the franchise award have clearly seen the best of the profits, but the shares should continue to make progress.

Senior Engineering

IT WAS hard work rather Senior Engineering to beat the recession and report record pre-tax profits of £18.3 million (£16 million) last year.

The geographical spread,

coming from overseas, helped. So, too, did the tighter cost base and the increased level of repair work within the boiler market, which in turn saw operating profits from thermal en-gineering activities rise from

Overall, operating profits rose from £16.6 million to E18.3 million, and though still short of 1989's E19.3 million, they are at least moving in the right direction. February's rights issue, which raised E26 million via a one-for-four offer at 58p a share, was largely used to fund the acquisition of Flexonics, the flexible tube and metal hose group in America, which should make some contribution to this est 2.9 per cent.

A solid customer that inprofits at the construction services

vision rise 38.6 per cent to

Senior has now educated tax losses that had built up in America, so the 1991 tax charge rose from 28 per cent to 32 per cent. The tax rate is likely to hold at around this

There should be further steady growth in 1992 to take pre-tax profits to £22 million. At 73p, up 1p, the shares trade on 11.1 times prospective earnings, backed by a 5.8 per cent yield. A materiable hold.

Harrisons & Crosfield

Harrisons & Crosfield's shares were among the few to rise yesterday, for good

The 1991 results were poor, underlining the bad timing of its purchase of Crossley Building Products. The market had, however. well prepared. Any

cent drop in pre-tax profit to £71 million was reversed by the dividend being maintained at 9p, though it was not covered by earnings of 7p down 40 per cont 7p. down 40 per-cent.

The best news was the purchase of Unilever's animal feed business for the modest price of £67 million. against a written down value of E85 million for the assets in Unilever's books. By conin Unilever's books. By contrast to the Crossley deal, this looks well judged, reflecting the deep knowledge of George Paul, H&C's chief executive, who will raise H&C's existing 8.5 per cent share of a mature market to at least 21 per cent, assuming some business is shed ing some business and the OFT agrees.

The purchase, which includes a related oil-based business, should pay for itself immediately, mainly because H&C reckons it will allocation placed on the business at Unilever. There is plenty of geographical over-lap in the businesses, allowing much scope to close mills. This should raise average capacity usage, release capital and, not lead to loss of book value. The rise in gearing above 50 per cent should not last long.

There should be some bounce elsewhere in the food division, where profits edged down to £30 million, and more to come from planta-tions, up to £10.5 million last year. Chemicals and timber and building products, the other recession-hit core divisions, are more tricky.

The Harcros building sup-plies side, where profits crumbled from £34 million to £23 million, has strong recovery potential after cost cuts. but who knows when. Speciality chemicals, where profits dropped nearly a third to £30 million, has relied on high margins and is also suffering cheap Russian competition.

At 126p, the shares sell at 18 times slump earnings and rely heavily on a 9.5 per cent dividend yield. That is, how-ever, a good prop and makes

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei below 19,000

the Nikkei index closed below 19,000 for the first time since January 1987. The Nikkei tumbled 764.16 points, or 3.95 per cent, to 18,581.79. Turnover rose to about 300 million shares compared with 259 million on Tuesday.

Declining issues outnumbered rises by 29 to one, with 1,005 lower, 35 higher and 47 unchanged. Only 89.9 per cent of the 1,231 issues listed on the first section were traded. Investors stayed on the sidelines, dismayed that the market had shrugged off the cut in the discount rate, as futures-linked and small-lot

selling cut prices.

The Bank of Japan cut the

Tokyo - Shares plunged and discount rate by 0.75 of a cent before trading started, but shares still opened lower. The Nikkei fell 236.96 points in the first 20 minutes and slipped slowly down all day. reaching a low of 18,562.63 just before the close. It ended at its lowest level since its close of 18,544.05 on January 13,

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Brokers said the rate cut was too long overdue to start buying. Investors were also not convinced that yesterday's rate cut and Tuesday's emergency economic package would revive the economy or corporate earnings soon, brokers said.

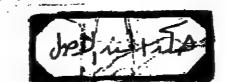
New York partly recovers

New York — Blue chips re- dropping as low as 3,215. covered from most of their early losses by mid-morning as investors looked beyond the sharp selling in Tokyo and London. The Dow Jones industrial average was 6 points lower at 3,229.47 after

☐ Frankfurt — Shares more than reversed Tuesday's tentative gains to end 0.6 per cent lower. The Dax index dropped 10.56 points to end at the day's low of 1,707.3.

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THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL 2 1992

inancial markets are still not reflecting the suddenly enhanced prospect of a Labour government. Yesterday's fall in share prices and rise in market interest rates was a direct reaction to the latest polls, but a modest one. After some recovery of early falls, share prices ended only 1.3 per cent down, making a fall of about 5.5 per cent since the beginning of March. The stock market is still being managed closely by trading professionals while fund managers are sitting on the sidelines, the astute having taken options to sell large chunks of their British share portfolio after the election. Share prices are still ahead of their most recent trough in December after disappointment at the economy's failure to turn up. Even the utility stocks are showing little panic. Electricity distribution companies had a bad day yesterday but water stocks, which seem more directly if vaguely threatened, shed only about 3 per cent of their value.

Should the poll results be realised on April 9, this relative calm would be shown be to artificial A month ago, 85 per cent of fund managers in a Smith New Court survey thought the Conservatives would emerge at least as largest party. Now only 7 per cent expect the overall Conservative majority that seems a pre-condition for a Conservative government. Over that month, possibly as a result of the campaign, City attitudes over the impact of a change of government have also changed. A month ago, it was widely thought share prices would merely rise slower under Labour. The balance is now bearish of shares under Labour and would expect interest rates to rise marginally instead of fall. Prices would fall much further when the real investment decisions were taken.

Trade hope

ollapse is the normal outcome of negotiations when American and European trade representatives meet to discuss the vexed issue of subsidies. In this sense, the apparent agreement over aircraft subsidies marks a surprising and welcome break from what remains one of gloomier aspects in the relationship between the world's two largest trading blocs. The deal was, less surprisingly, struck only minutes before the April fool's day deadline America imposed on the negotiations.

Precise details of the agreement and mutual concessions have yet to emerge, but the Europeans appear to have agreed sharp reductions in development subsidies to the four-nation Airbus consortium. The Americans have in turn agreed to cut hidden subsidies - principally in the form of defence-related payments - through which they prop up their own industry. By admitting that such subsidies exist in the first place, the Americans have finally abandoned their claim to hold uniquely high moral ground. What started with a row over Airbus subsidies ended with an international agreement over civil aircraft aids.

Most importantly, the agreement that was never to be raises a flicker of hope for the deadlocked Gatt trade talks. Deadline after deadsight, leaving the conclusion that the Uruguay round is dead in all but name. The issue of farm subsidies, which stands at the centre of the dispute, is vastly more complicated than the question of aircraft subsidies, and the political stakes are equally much greater. But yesterday's agreement suggests there is at least some degree of determination left in Europe and in America to solve the outstanding issues. The aircraft deal is the most hopeful sign yet that the Gatt principles of free trade live to fight another day.

Shadow cast by recession takes the shine off Sun Alliance

Jonathan Prynn says the insurer's dreams of taking on the Europeans at their own game

Three short years ago Sun Alliance's status as the highest quality share in the UK composite insurance sector tax profits in 1988 had more than doubled to £372.4 million, the balance sheet was almost embarrassingly strong, with a solvency margin of 93 per cent, and the share price had completed a decade of spectacular outperformance.

are fading fast

Some of the more awestruck analysts were even referring to Sun Alliance as "the world's greatest insurance company," and its management, led since 1985 by Henry Lambert, the chairman, showed ev ery sign of wholeheartedly agreeing with that verdict. Perhaps most importantly. Sun Alliance looked like the one British insurer strong enough to take on the European giants in the Nineties as the industry walls came down in the run-up to the single market.

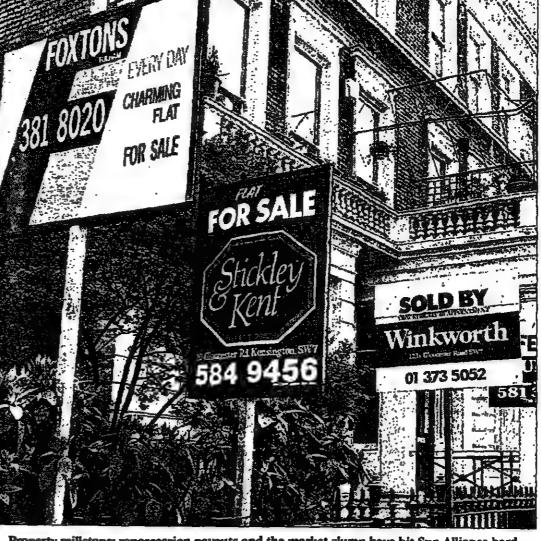
It is a very different Sun Alliance that today unveils its results for 1991. Few, if any leading insurance companies anywhere in the world have been untouched by the savage downswing in the insurance cycle, but for Sun Alliance, the impact has been to narrow, if not yet quite close, the gap between itself and the chasing pack.

As one leading insurance analyst said: "The reputation has been tarnished and it will take some time to get that reputation back, if it ever does." Few cracks in the polished external facade of this 285-year-old pillar of the British financial establishment have yet appeared, but as another analyst pointed out, the internal perception is changing. There are serious internal doubts. People are beginning to think: We are no better than the others out

Not that Sun Alliance's problems are particularly different to those of its competitors. Like all companies in its sector, the bulk of the damage last year was done by losses on the domestic mortgage insurance (DMI) account caused by the tidal wave of mortgage defaults and repossessions generated by the recession and the collapse in the property

In December, Sun Alliance anprovisions of £320 million against DMI losses in its 1991 accounts. The news sent analysts scurrying to downgrade their loss forecasts and the current range of expectations is £420 to £470 million in the red. This follows losses of £181 million in 1990 when the company was hit by the storms throughout Europe in January of that year.
Further DMI losses of perhaps

£200 million are expected in the current year, leading to another



Property millstone: repossession payouts and the market slump have hit Sun Alliance hard

heavy loss before rate increases drag the bottom line performance back into surplus in 1993. By that time, Sun Alliance's once-formidable solvency margin will have been more than halved from its 1989 peak of lll per cent.

The year end-figure for 1991 is expected to be about 65 per cent. still the strongest in the sector, but with relatively little blue sky between it and the rest of the sector bunched in the low forties. By 1993, the figure may have fallen as low as 45 per cent and, short of a miracululous recovery, Sun Alliance will have to face up to a future as another domestic UK player rather than a member of the European elite. "Its muscle has all been spent on the DMI losses," says Stephen Dias, a Goldman Sachs insurance analyst.

The setbacks have also taken their toil on Sun Alliance's traditionally group used to enjoy using its balance sheet strength to annually increase its payout above the rest of the sector. This year has seen a nominal increase in the interim dividend to 5.25p but most analysts believe the final will be maintained at 9p. This is not the time for extravagant

Opinions are divided on whether Sun Alliance's humbling was the result of sheer misfortune or whether a series of poor management

decisions was also at fault. It is certainly true that, with the partial exception of Commercial Union, no leading UK insurer has escaped the DMI disaster. So was Sun Alliance's only crime that, as the biggest UK composite, it inevitably held the largest share of the DMI market? Up to a point. Some analysts, admittedly with the benefit of hindsight. talk about inadequate reinsurance programmes and a failure to perceive that if the DMI account went sour it was likely to do so on a grand scale. Some also question whether Sun Alliance, with the strength to open up new markets overseas, was wise to leave itself so exposed to the UK, where it has about a fifth of the household insurance market.

ut there are other criticisms. Sun Alliance's investment portfolio is property and equities, a formula that served it well in the Eighties. but has proved a handicap in the very different market conditions of the Nineties. About a third of its equity exposure is accounted for by its 15 per cent stake in Commercial Union, shares which have declined in value this year from 480p to 414p compared with an entry price of 456p. The other large investment is in an American underwriting pool

seen a fall in its share price this year. from \$77 to \$65. As one analyst commented, it all contributes to a constant whittling away of Sun Alliance's precious solvency advantage.

The CU stake in particular gives Sun Alliance something of a strategic headache. While it would proba-bly like to cut the proportion of shareholders' funds invested in a single asset, it is reluctant to sell the shares to the most likely buyer, a continental European competitor. The purchase was seen at the time as defensive move to make it more difficult for giants such as Allianz of Germany to swallow what was then one of Britain's weaker composites. But if the British market was vulnerable to the continental threat three rears ago, it is far more so now. To hand a key strategic stake in one of the big five composites on a plate to a European competitor would be fish pond.

But whatever its past mistakes. Sun Alliance is pinning its hopes for a return to profitability and balance sheet strength on a series of sharp rate increases pushed through on its main accounts this year. Rates on the huge domestic household contents account rose by up to 35 per cent from yesterday. Household structure and motor policy holders face similar or even greater rate rises, while DMI rates rose by 50

per cent last October. Given a fair. and gentle, wind, these increases should allow Sun Alliance to "make hay" over the next few years, according to analysts, although another hot, dry summer could lead to further heavy subsidence claims.

If the recent damp, mild, weeks are anything to go by, the weather gods are, for once, smiling on the battered insurance industry, and the bulk of the rate increases should flow straight through to the bottom line. The commercial accounts too are seeing rate increases stick, although David Nisber, analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, suggests a fur-ther 20 per cent rise is required. The figures will also be helped by a gradual drying up of DM1 losses in the second half of 1992 and 1993. and the ending of the recession. The structures account in particular, where rates have risen up to 80 per cent, should see "a very dramatic improvement in profitability." As a result, 1993 will, according to most analysts' forecasts, see a return to profits, in the range of £60 million to £120 million.

That of the future? The. first priority is to restore profitability. Premium rate increases and job cuts should see to that, but the longer term objective of repairing the balance sheet will be more difficult to achieve. The group is still highly dependent on the UK household market, and changes in the structure of this market could threaten Sun Alliance. Direct insurers such as Direct Line are increasingly offering cheap household insurance to the public, by-passing the building society sector, which insurers such as the Sun Alliance rely on for business.

Continental competitors using their immense reserves to buy market share in the UK must also be seen as a concern in the medium term. Despite a number of link-ups with European insurers, such as the recent deal with Forenede-Gruppen, the Norwegian group, the hard pounding taken by the balance sheet over the past three years has probably put paid to Sun Alliance's chances of being an equal or senior partner in a joint venture with a leading continental player. Even so, Sun Alliance is still capitalised in excess of £2 billion and a hostile bid is regarded as unlikely.

The decline in the relative status of Sun Alliance may also trigger a change in attitude towards the outside world at the group's Bartholomew Lane headquarters in the City. The senior management has been described as distant, even haughty, allowing its undoubted reputation Relations with shareholders were not enhanced when, in April last year, the company revealed that it had made a £500,000 interest-free loan to a former director to cover legal costs. But the current problem in the insurance industry is no respecter of reputation or longevity, and, like a blue blooded but newly impoverished Lloyd's name, the company must learn to live with the straitened circumstances it finds it-

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Out but not down at 39

IT IS becoming increasingly difficult for redundant City workers to return to jobs within the Square Mile. According to a survey by Drake Beam Morin, the outplacement consultant, only 15 per cent of those people made redundant last year were redeployed elsewhere in the City. That figure compares with 37.4 per cent in 1989. DBM's findings also show that last year's typical redundant City executive was aged 39, had 8.7 years of service and was earning £47,174. Sidney Simkin, regional di-rector at DBM, says many have been forced to divert their skills into new areas. Some opted to be independent advisers. Others moved out of the City altogether, becoming landscape gard-ners or manufacturing Blackpool rock - as in the case of one Bankers Trust dealer who bought the Coronation Rock Company. Fortunately. Simkin is optimistic about the prospects for displaced 39-year-olds. "Between age 35 and 45, you get maximum mileage out of being established and having all your skills intact," he says. "You still have most of the things going for you that you need."

Pelican Sud croaks THOSE who can still afford expensive City lunches have lost yet another chic haunt with the closure of Pelican du Sud in Hays Galleria, on the south side of London Bridge. Roger Myers, head of USMquoted Pelican Group, which owns the 15 Café Rouge restaurants as well as Café



"It's either interference or the LWT results."

Pelican in London's theatreland, says City people no longer have sufficient disposable income for £30 lunches. Pelican du Sud began life in 1988, with personal backing from Janet Cohen, a Charterhouse corporate finance director, who also helped launch the original Café Pelican in St Martin's Lane in 1983. Cohen and her partners sold both eateries to Myers in 1990 but while the upmarket Cafe Pelican continues to thrive. Pelican du Sud - and its largely City clientele - has been forced down market. It will reopen on Monday under the cheaper Café Rouge banner, part brasserie, part pizzeria, where lunch will cost from £13 a

Dipped beam PROPERTY analysis have discovered a new way of monitoring the progress of Olympia & York's debt restructuring and cash raising exercise. They have been watching with keen interest to see how long it will take O&Y to replace a light bulb that

they say has been missing for more than a week from one of the four flashing white strobes at the top of Canary Wharf Tower. With the com-pany holding back on all nonessential spending — light bulbs presumably included the return to full beam could. in the eyes of the analysts, be the first signal that O&Y is over the worst. Meanwhile, the Civil Aviation Authority. which also takes an interest in such matters, has been quick to note the implications. A spokesman says that its aerodrome standards" department will be informed, to ensure that O&Y is meeting the minimum safety

An Oscar helps

WITH all attention focused on Anthony Hopkins at the Oscars, it may have escaped general notice that the Oscar for best foreign language film went to Mediterraneo, an Italian comedy produced by Silvio Berlusconi's Fininvest group. Fininvest, one of Italy's largest companies, is generally reckoned to be one of only two serious contenders for Britain's fifth terrestrial TV channel - the other is Five TV Group, which Thames TV hopes to join. One institution that probably will have taken note of its success, however, is the Independent Television Commission, due to announce chosen bidders for the fifth station in the next two weeks. Fininvest must be hoping that the Oscar will exert a more favourable influence on the ITC than one of its earlier productions - the cheeky but entenzining Colpo Grosso.

CAROL LEONARD

Lloyds puts customers first From Mr Phil Nunnerley

Sir. Mr Neville Lee's letter Business News, March 31) criticising Lloyda Bank for "unilaterally invoking the spirit of the new code of banking practice" is somewhat

surprising.
The nub of Mr Lee's complaint is that by placing our customers in control of information disclosed about them. we have put our customers first rather than his letting

Our decision not to reply to bankers' references on personal customers is based on our belief that existing interbank arrangements are not compatible with the spirit of the code. We believe that a system which discloses information about personal customers without their consent or knowledge is a breach of the right to confidentiality.

Confidentiality is an issue that consumer bodies have lobbied for extensively in the past, and forms one of the core principles of the new

Our new system means that at the customer's request we will issue a Personal Customer Reference which will be

Anomaly or equity?

From Mr Lionel Hoare Sir. Labour's economic advisers. John Eatwell and Karen Gardiner, state (Business News, March 31) that the removal of the upper carnings limit on National Insurance contributions diminates a large anomaly; namely that the contributions are not related to ability to pay. Since when, I wonder, has an insurance premium been related to ability to pay? Is it too much to ask of a government which

sent to customers for them to pass on. Alternatively, at the customer's request, we can send it direct to the third party. The charge for this is £20, which is clearly indicated

on the reference application form. For students and recent graduates, this charge will be waived in respect of property rental references. Where we feel unable to provide a good reference, we will tell our customer, and no charge will be

Obviously, this new system requires more work; our responses will be more specific and will not rely on formulaic coded phrases. Having investigated the client's banking relationship with us, we will be able to give a full and considered reply. We are sorry that Mr Lee feels this has inconvenienced his business. but we are confident that we are ensuring greater protection for our personal custom-

Yours faithfully PHIL NUNNERLEY. Assistant General Manager (Retail Banking). Lloyds Bank, PO Box 112

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levies a compulsory insurance payment that it ensures equality between contributors? Or is the Labour party hinting at a possible solution to the beleaguered situation

of the composite insurance

companies and the Lloyd's market? Yours faithfully LIONEL HOARE 31 Earl's Court Square,

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Lloyd's needs no enquiry

BUSINESS LETTERS

From G. N. M. Mellersh Sir. Your leader (Business News, March 30) is right to question whether Lloyd's needs yet another enquiry. which is what the Labour party promise if they come to power. What needs to be done is what is being done speedy action to implement the recommendations of David Rowland's Task Force. It is in everyone's interest that Council proceeds as rapidly

The last thing that Council should do is to allow itself to be sidetracked by your cry for a definition of what status a Name has. We know what our status is - we are sole traders engaged in annual ventures with other Names. with management delegated to managing agents and their underwriters. It is entirely sterile to try and make out that some of the proposed reforms - the right to dismiss managing agents or to veto certain transactions are quoted - makes us "pariner proprietors", as opposed to shareholders. It is particularly bizarre to try and make this distinction as shareholders do, of course, have the power to dismiss boards of directors and have to be consulted over major decisions such as significant asset disposals.

The critical question is, in fact, how best to restore confidence in a unique institution that is central to London's role as financial capital of the world. Speedy implementation of the proposed reforms will help, but much more important is the return to profitability that we are now beginning to see take place. Yours faithfully.

G. N. M. MELLERSH. 47 Quarrendon Street, SW6.

DTI has crucial industrial role

From Mr Joe Magee

Sir, The Institute of Directors could not be more mistaken ("Directors call for a market department to replace DTI", Business News, March 3). Far from getting rid of the Department of Trade and Industry, the country needs a strengthened and rejuvenated DTI if we are to seriously tackle the enormous problems of rebuilding the British economy. This is the case we make in a policy document, industrial Strength in the 90s, released by trade unions who work in DTI and, curiously, not reported in your

newspaper. It appears the IoD thinks our problems can be sorted out by government setting a framework "for markets to operate freely and for individuals to realise their full potential". The trouble is, members of IoD have a powerful role but they seem to be living on a different planet from the rest of us. Where is the basis of reality in their vision? Manufacturing industry has been run down and the services industry is failing to deliver. so what is left for the market

It is precisely because the DTI has been forced to abandon direct investment in industry to market policies and successive ministers have failed to realise the importance of innovation in manufacturing that the UK is now

Company failures

From W. M. Reid Sir, Your headline "UK busi-

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try to invest again. UK industry needs help, not slogans about self-help And the UK economy cannot; do without industry.

Yours faithfully, JOE MAGEE.

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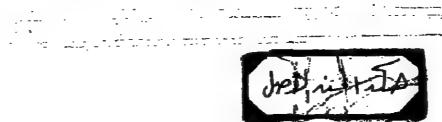
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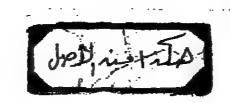
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'Vampires of the recession' Working for a better image

Tim Olsen examines various ways of reducing the excessive costs of big corporate failures which have led to

much recent criticism of accountants

hy do some high profile insolvensuch big fees for professionals? After the latest round of huge corporate failures, this is being asked with increasing ferocity.

The whole insolvency process could be quicker and cheaper if lenders and borrowers paid closer attention to the canons of good lending and business practice and if current legislation were improved. Other problems that influence costs are the complexity of cross-border work and the court-driven nature of large corporate failures. But unless all these matters are addressed, professionals will continue to be branded vampires of the

Before giving more detailed solutions, it is helpful to examine the existing insolvency procedures more closely. Only by understanding the reasons can remedies be

For example, take cross-border work; when corporations dip their toes into different jurisdictions, or structure themselves into a family tree resembling that of the Medici, unravelling the complications will obviously be expensive. In Maxwell Communication Corporation, UK administration came up against chapter 11 in America - that leaves an American company free from

creditor pressure. International insolvency procedures should be harmonised and simplified, to avoid such complications. Relatively little progress has been made so far, although an EC draft directive is in being. Realistically, cultural and conceptual differences between countries are going to hinder this harmonisation process unless firm initiatives are taken. Without clear guidelines, lawyers and grapple with cross-border is-

sues as best they can. Many recent insolvencies have come to the High Court, where the cost of proceedings has added a new dimension of expense to large insolven-cies such as Parkfield, Polly Peck and British & Commonwealth. These all involved the administration process introduced by the Insolvency Act

This provides a moratorium, akin to chapter 11, allowing time to formulate proposals to save the company and/or its assets. The beginning and ending of administration are both initiated by application to the court; in between, it may be necessary for those running the scheme to return to the court for directions on difficult or novel points. This all adds to the costs but, in time, such

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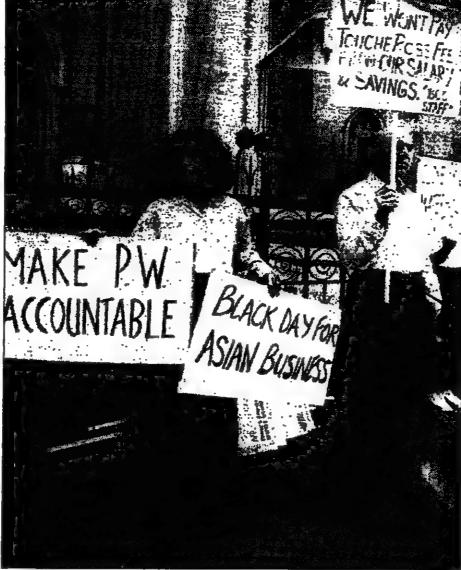
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fewer as the law is clarified. Provisional liquidation, which started the BCCI insolvency and features in the Maxwell saga, is another insolvency procedure invoked to safeguard a company's assets before deciding whether to go into formal liquidation. Provisional liquidators and court receivers, who may be appointed over companies and partnerships, are officers of the court. Their powers are set out in the court order appointing them and are limited in a quite different way from those of, say, receivers put in by banks seeking to

realise their security. The upshot is that there are likely to be frequent references back to court to clarify or extend powers. Court hearings will also be necessary if the appointment of a provisional liquidator or court receiver is disputed and herein lies the dilemma; applications to unseat the appointees are costly in time and money holders be denied their opportunity to oppose the proceedings, even if it may be at the expense of the general body of unsecured creditors?

In addition, the accoun tants who take on the job must satisfy the court they have no prior involvement with the company that might subsequently give rise to con-flict. Knowledge of the com-pany can only be acquired in time and/or by commitment of a large staff. Moreover, the affairs of a company on the verge of collapse will inevitably be in some disarray. Again, this contrasts with the position of a bank or debenture holders' receiver who may have had the opportunity to monitor or investigate his lender's customer before he is called in. There is no alternative. An accountant who is also the auditor could hardly perform such a role:



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The expense and the sheer frustration caused by such procedures have led to calls for reform, in order to improve the lot of the ordinary creditor. For example, one of the recommendations of the 1982 Cork Report, which led to the Insolvency Act 1986. was the creation of specialist insolvency courts. These could hasten the growth of specialist knowledge among the judiciary and lawyers:

offer a great improvement. Another recommendation of the Cork Report was for a special pot of money preser ved exclusively for unsecured creditors from assets subject to a floating charge, but this was not implemented. Therefore, existing legislation offers no guaranteed return if holders of mortgages and the pro-fessionals gobble up assets.

Some commentators feel the insolvency process would

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tered Accountants - a gentle-

men's club of sorts - has

bowed to the inevitable and

appointed a woman to its

senior management team for

director of finance and ser-

vices at Accountancy Busi-

ness Group, the division

which publishes Accountancy

magazine, takes over as direc-

tor of district societies and

boards on July 1. She suc-

ceeds Peter Gilbert who is

retiring. Morris, aged 43,

who spent eight years in a

practice in Preston, Lanca-

vious VAT payments in that

fall into the net.

also they would be conscious of the need for speed and appreciate the conflicting interests of office holders, mortgagees and unsecured creditors. Sadly: creation of these courts did not find favour.

A number of professional associations, such as the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, are pressing for a simpler, cheaper way that smaller companies can bring about voluntary arrange-ments with creditors. But these need to offer protection against a creditor who may try to jump the queue and seize assets. A period from when the scheme is mooted to approval or rejection during which individual creditor action is frozen is needed. Minor law changes could

Budget VAT concessions still leave anomalies

thinks the rules could also be

the control of big groups or

where a company's business

falls drastically - for in-

stance, due to the recession.

Waterhouse says seasonal traders hit by the new ar-

rangements could even find

it worthwhile to volunteer to

make monthly VAT returns

began her association with

the ICA purely by chance. "I

contacted them for advice

and ended up working for

them," she said. She will be

answering to virtually the

entire 98,000 strong mem-

bership of the ICA when she

takes office. "More and more

women are working their way

up through the ranks of

business, and I would like to

set a lead for others to follow."

graduates who have had to

suffer the horrors of accoun-

tancy exams will be surprised

to learn that 94 per cent of

trainees polled in a recent

Richard Watson of Price

costs and work done. Insolvency practitioners have a degree of autonomy and it may be difficult for creditors to judge whether fees have been properly incurred. But there are safeguards in committee approval for such fees. It is also worth pointing out the DTI and other authorised bodies are not going to issue licences to insolvency practitioners who abuse the system. institutions are not going to instruct professionals who act unfairly and insolvency practitioners' fees may go be-

fore a court for approval.

In the City, recognition of need for reform will take time. Much pressure for change is from insolvency practitioners, but steps need-

so they would pay tax only on

the actual figures. But this

would increase the risk of

penalties if mistakes are

made in switching from

quarterly to monthly returns.

panies whose VAT reference

year has not yet expired

could take measures to mini-

mise their first-year liabil-

ities if they move fast. This

could involve advancing and regularity of payments.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Watson says com-

ing political support may founder while politicians seek more vote-catching issues. Although it may be too late to save those caught up in

current insolvencies, some of the answers may lie with the way clients and professionals interact when all seems rosy. There also needs to be clear communication between professionals and clients. The law grows more complex and no one professional can straddie several fields, so legal or accountancy teams have grown. Documentation has ned correspondi but the ten-page indemnity of today is not necessarily a superior document to the onepage version produced last time recession struck, so, unless a client receives clear explanations, he may wonder whether his lawyers are protecting him against claims, or

merely themselves. On the banking side, those who instruct and those who receive instructions need to communicate clearly. Lenders who insist on a deal at any price, with scant regard for proper security, may cause costly arguments in the future. Bank security documentation that continues in use without updating, in the interest of economy, could be an expensive time bomb.

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spending in Britain that can

be set against VAT. Ironically, liabilities in the reference

year might also be reduced

by accelerating imports from non-EC countries, he argues.

says Customs and Excise will

have discretionary powers to

force companies to make full

monthly VAT returns if they

are not satisfied with speed

As a caution, Mr Watson

Reform is in the air, whoever wins

years have seen an unprecedented amount of political activity at a national level. And next week's general election is likely to be the first ever to presage serious change in the

In the past, the profession tended to take politicians' concerns with more than a pinch of salt. The comfortable grouping of institutes and associations knew that even if a corporate affairs spokesman or minister felt that change was necessary an incoming government would always find reform of the accountancy profession so far down the legislative priorities that any threats would be likely to become no more than pigeon-

This time it is different. Recessions force corporate collapses. These create blame. Blame sticks to auditors and not, as the history of Robert Maxwell demonstrates, to

company directors. And after all, the express purpose of auditors is to be independent

watchdogs. So the incoming government will have to be seen to be doing more to prevent cor-porate scandals. They are never going to root out wrongdoing. As one prominent City regulator said wearily to me recently: "Moses brought down the tablets which said Thou shalt not steal thousands of years ago, but it doesn't seem to have altered

corporate culture much." But the constant updating and strengthening of the laws and regulations designed to thwart crooks is now a serious

political priority.

The difference this time is that the arrival on the scene of Marjorie Mowlam, the Labour party's City spokeswoman, has changed the complacent ways of the large audit firms. For two-and-a-half years she has been arriving on their doorsteps, "effing and blinding" when it was necessary to attract their attention, and then charming them with sweet reason and sheer

Shortly after Mowlam's mission began Austin Mitchell, a cheery and garrulous Labour backbencher, embarked on a cru-sade to batter the profession as much as he

With bright banners of generalisations flying, he has ridden off towards the City with a retinue of accounting academics and polytechnic lecturers running along in his wake trying to keep him provided with the detail to back up his cause.

This has resulted in what has appeared to be a two-pronged assault from the Labour party with Mowlam appearing as Ms Nice and Mitchell as Mr Nasty. Mowlam arguing that rational reforms are essential.
Muchall taking the line that the profession is

covering up for its friends and filling its pockets with loot.

In reality Mowlam and Mitchell each feel that the other is getting in their way and so weakening the message. And as a result they loathe each other.

This is unfortunate because the underlying message of reform is now broadly supported by the most powerful voices in the profession. For example John Roques, the senior partner at Touche Ross, in an interview in Accountancy Age last week said that he agreed totally with Marjorie Mowlam's policies.

But he also went on to say that whichever party won the election would want to reform the profession along roughly similar lines. This is true. John Redwood, the outgoing corporate affairs minister, has shown an understanding of the profession consid-

erably better than any of his recent predecessors. He has encouraged its strengths and been tough on its weaknesses. What the differences in pol-

icy really come down to is the timetable for reform and speed of action. Under the Redwood model the current reforms, like the independent financial reporting bodies, would be allowed to bed down and then be reassessed.

The Mowlam model would set up reviews on fraud detection, the extension of auditor liability, independence of auditors and removing responsibility for auditor regulation from the institutes. The Mitchell model would immediately remove any form of selfregulation.

The differences of approach have more to do with the speed of implementation and how far the profession should be allowed some input than in the reforms' actual

In a sense we have been here before.

Under the last Labour administration the then-trade minister, Edmund Dell, hauled the profession in after a series of corporate scandals and gave them six weeks to come up with steps to create a proper disciplinary

This resulted in what is now known as the joint disciplinary scheme. It is ironic that this scheme, which the Labour government had effectively imposed, has been Austin Mitch-

ell's main target.

But reform is inevitable and is now, at senior levels, being welcomed. The twin assaults of Mowlam's policies and the recession have convinced the profession of that. The sadness is that it did not think of it

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Company reports pay lip service to green audits

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FEW companies take environmental issues seriously when preparing their financial report and accounts, and those that do often just throw in token figures to satisfy their critics. So says Financial Reporting, the bible of Britain's finance directors, which has iust been published.

The guide, in its 23rd year, has been compiled by Len Skerratt, professor of accounting and finance at Manchester university, and David Tonkin, managing director of Company Reporting.

It considers how companies prepare their financial statements and has strong words on the apparent lack of concern about environmental issues. There is a growing awareness of a need to comment on environmental issues in annual reports and signs that companies are adopting some form of envithe use of green audits.

However, any environmental disclosures that find their way into print tend to be of "very limited use" to anyone trying to assess a company's attitude to the environment. In many cases, companies are just using environmental dis-

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Lawson: judgment

closures in the annual report as a public relations exercise. Exceptions Include British Airways and Norsk Hydro (UK), recent environmental reporting award winners. However, until an environmental audit is required by law, most British companies are unlikely to pay more than lip service to green issues.

The use of profit forecasts comes in for considerable debate. While the Financial Services Act (1986) outlaws fraudulent or reckless forecasts, they can often be misleading. The guide considers

Sketchley forecast pre-tax profits of £6 million for the vear to the end of March 1990. Godfrey Davis later withdrew its offer and when Compass Group stepped in with a rival bid, Sketchley repeated its profit forecast. Compass was unsuccessful.

the case of Sketchley, the dry-

cleaning group, which issued

ing a hostile £133 million bid

from Godfrey Davis in 1990.

In its defence document,

When Sketchley unveiled its results in June, the anticipated to million profit had become a pre-tax loss of £2 million for the year, and an overall deterioration of £8.1 million after tax and extraordinary items. The reason given by Sketchley for the sharp discrepancy was that the previous management had taken an over-optimistic view of the carrying value of certain fixed assets, stocks and debtors.

Roger Lawson, chairman of the accountancy business group, said it is up to companies to disclose exactly what they are doing when they make profit forecasts.

He says it is up to the Accounting Standards Board to develop a framework for such forecasis, which depends less on a profit figure taken in isolation and more on disclosures that will help investors gain a feel for all the relevant factors.

Companies with multiple stock market listings are making good progress towards harmonising their accounting practices and financial reporting. There is a public relations value to this in that large multinationals want to be seen to meet the highest international standards.

Companies are also responding to the needs of shareholders in different countries who prefer to be able to compare like with like. The presence of various European Community directives has helped within Europe.

Surprisingly few accounts contain any useful information about how revenue and profit are measured or recognised and much needs to be done to improve this, Finan-

will talk about the role of dicoast resort may lack the rectors — always topical. symbolism of Brussels, where syllabuses are too long and

survey called on the professional bodies to create a student ombudsman. Clearly delighted with the opportunity to have a good moan, 55

by PASS magazine said exam

Study studied AN UPRISING appears im-6 THE CAME NO. minent among accountancy trainees who are demanding an independent watchdog to review complaints about the way examinations are conducted and marked. Few

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nearly half admitted to "question spotting" to save time. Students spend an average of 13.4 hours a week ploughing through manuals and textbooks - only an accountant would round the figure off to the decimal place - but the time devoted to studying swung wildly from a shameful four hours a week to a saintly 40 hours. Management accounting students worked the hardest and public finance trainees did the least. Shame on them.

Bracing stuff

EASTBOURNE, Sussex, has been picked for the accountancy world's equivalent of the Oscars: the annual confer-

land and Wales. The south the ICA held its conference two years ago, or even the flavour of Jersey. last year's choice, let alone the razzmarazz of Hollywood. Something nearer home seems more appropriate in these sober times and the "big" names will be out in force. You cannot get much bigger than Mick Newmarch, chief executive of the Pru, who will be among guests at the Grand Hotel from June 25-27 to deliver an institutional investor's perspective. lan Plaistowe, who becomes ICA president on June 3, will deliver the opening speech and Brandon Gough, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, is due to give his views on corporate gover-nance and the audit. Graham

Try harder STOY Hayward gave a sub-dued launch for its ninth

Corben, Eurotunnel's head of

finance and administration.

annual guide to venture capital. A mere press release was deemed sufficient this year, with a few words from Dermot Mathias, Stoy's corporate finance partner. Perhaps to liven things up, he gives a mock school report in his introduction: "A disappointing year, marked by lack of effort and a failure to realise his/her true potential; neventheless the real test of character will come next year when this pupil must take advantage of the opportunities available..." Hopefully he

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Show The broken

All Blacks' World Cup captain left out

Western Samoans gain places in **New Zealand trials**

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE selection in New Zealand's trial teams of three members of the Western Samoan XV which reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup last October adds point to Welsh pressure for the existing international eligibility procedure to be better defined.

Timo Tagaloa, Frank Bunce and Steven Bachop, all of whom played in the Samoan back division which so enhanced the tournament last autumn, were named yesterday in the teams which will play two trial games in Napi-er on April 9, prior to the selection of a New Zealand XV v The Rest to play three days later. After that game. New Zealand's squad to play three centenary matches against a World XV will be

Although there has been criticism of players born in one country subsequently playing for another - the most extreme example of which was probably Brian Smith's qualification at stand-off half for Ireland after appearing for Australia - it seems ridiculous that players can appear in a successful international XV in October and, six months later, can

qualify for another country. Denis Evans, secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union who, to their credit, demand a strict playing qualification of five years' residence if there is no lineage involved, describes it as a "stupid situation". The

rely on

same side

Welsh representatives at this Cornwall

county champions, will field an unchanged XV in this season's final against Lancashire at Twickenham on April 18 (David Hands writes). The team that beat Yorkshire 22-3 in the semi-finals last month is retained en bloc. which means no place for Graham Dawe, the Bath and England hooker, who played in the winning team a year

Dawe was due to captain Cornwall last month but withdrew because of Bath's league commitments that day. He told the selectors he did not believe it appropriate to be considered for the final, in fairness to the XV that played against Yorkshire, at Redruth, so Brian Andrew, the experienced Redruth

hooker will play.

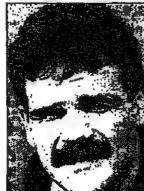
More than 20,000 tickets for the final have been sold in the last week alone and the Cornwall ticket office has been inundated with

CORNWALL: K Thomas (Redruth), A Mond (Rodruth), C Laky (Neath), M Brain (Chon), D Weeks (Camborne): W Paters (Bath), H Nancaktval (Northampton), J May, B Andrew, R Kessi (all Rodruth), A Roed (Bath), A Cook (Redruth), G Williams (Redruth, capt), J Alidrison (Stives), A Bick (Penzance/Neiryn), Replacements: M Gomez, S Whitworth, C Whitworth, A Blary (all Redruth), Courtersy (Phymouth Albert), J Mortimer (Redruth)

month's annual meeting of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) will press for international eligibility to be sorted out properly. Indeed, Keith Rowlands, the secretary of the IRFB, has proposed a resolution on eligibility to the board's policy

The other intriguing feature of the four trial teams is that none of them include Gary Whetton, who captained New Zealand to third place in the World Cup and has played lock for his country on 58 occasions. Of the World Cup squad, there is no place for Whetton, his twin brother, Alan, Andy Earl or Zinzan Brooke.

"It's not a bad thing to replace experience with speed and enthusiasm," Laurie Mains, the new All Blacks coach from Otago, said, "Selection of the trial teams has been based on judgment of



form and fitness." That com ment is pointed enough, and even more so when coupled with the likelihood of Mike Brewer, the Otago No. 8. captaining New Zealand this

Obviously not getting a trial is very perplexing," Gary Whetton, aged 32, said. "It's hard not to be ranked among the top locks in the country. If that was the case I wonder why the selectors had not talked to me about it."

The argument could be advanced that the selectors already know the capabilities of the omitted quartet, were it not for the presence in the trials of such contemporaries as Grant Fox, Steve McDow and Sean Fitzpatrick. There is also a place for John Kirwan, the wing who threatened not to make himself available if John Hart, his coach for many years at Auckland, was omitted from the selection panel - which

proved to be the case. Eric Rush, the Auckland flanker who so distinguished himself in games for the Barbarians during their centenary season, wins a place in the

trials, but on the right wing. New Zealand's international programme this season includes not only the centenary games on April 18, 22 and 25 but two internationals with Ireland, three in Australia and one in South Africa, while many of those appearing in the trials are likely to play against the touring England B team in June and July.

Sky coverage for national sevens

BY DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND'S Senior Clubs Association (SCA), which has been casting round for opportunities to promote the game via television outside the limitations of the present BBC contract, has reached an show the finals of the Worthington National Sevens at Bath on April 26.

Neil Hannah, chairman of the SCA, described the deal as an historic breakthrough. giving clubs the opportunity to increase interest in the game: "We are interested in developing our new relationship with Sky Sports into next season," Hannah said. The station is due to put out a programme in August debating the merits of seven-a-side and ten-a-side matches.

Hitherto the leading clubs have looked mainly at the possibility of regionalisation, which the independent television companies offer, and have considered midweek floodlit rugby. However, the fourth national sevens tournament offers a showcase for the 12 clubs who come through the divisional qualifying rounds to be played on Sunday at Orrell and Morley in the north and Exeter in the south-west, at Harlequins on April 12 (London) and

because of worn joints.

People were hugging and

powered its way to the iinish

as they joined me in an early celebration," Sainz said.

This was tremendous sup-

port." He added that the ral-

ly, which he now considers

one of his favourites, had

been fast and tough because

of dusty and rocky roads at

Kankkunen, who won the

event last year, said he was

also pleased with his perfor-

mance for Lancia. "It fits in

with my plans of recapturing my world title," he said. How-

ever, the Lancias repeatedly

suffered rear suspension

problems which the team be-lieves could have cost it

the end of the dry season.

Northampton on April 14 (Midlands).

Bath, winners last year, will enter the Exeter tournament as guests since they are seeded direct to the finals. The televised highlights of the evening and will include coverage of the ten-a-side match scheduled to be played between the semi-finals and the final, featuring teams led by Wayne Shelford and Scott Hastings.

Several internationals have agreed to play in the ten-a-side match, including Sean Lineen, Craig Chalmers and John Oiver. "It's very fast and allows a wonderfully exciting style of play," Hastings said.

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☐ The Neath player fined by Bridgend magistrates on Tuesday was Paul Jones, not Mark Jones, as reported

MOTOR RALLYING

Sainz claims share of championship lead

Nairobi: Carlos Sainz. of Spain, overcame a broken gearbox to win the 4,338- kissing each other as my car kilometre Kenya Safari rally yesterday and move level with his Finnish rival. Juha Kankkunen, at the top of the drivers' championship rankings. Sainz, aged 30, driving a Toyota Celica, had an accumulated penalty time of 2hr 35min, 52min ahead of Kankkunen, the world champion.

Sainz said the gear-box had broken halfway through the final 315-kilometre leg from Aberdare, at the foot of Mount Kenya, to Nairobi. It was replaced after a fiveminute delay, but, later, he had to rectify the rear tie-rod

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Canberra: Australia banned tobacco sponsorship of sporting and cultural events yesterday. No new contracts for sponsorship will be allowed and existing deals will end from December 31, 1995. An exemption will enable

tobacco company W. D. & H. O. Wills to continue sponsoring cricket until the end of the 1995-6 season. Also exempt are international sporting events televised abroad.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Time to test age barriers

From Mrs J. Higman Davies Sir, An Olympic year is upon us once more. For decades, we have been celebrating super-athleticism, and watching boundaries of achievement pushed further back. But there is one boundary we

have not so far attacked: age. Yes, we know a 24-year-old can run a mile in under four minutes: but do we know if a fit 55-year-old can run a mile in under five minutes? And would not this be even more nteresting and impressive? After all, an ever increasing number of us spend more living time after age 40, than

Pace too hot

From Dr Ian J. Dilworth Sir, As a squash rackets player for 18 years, I have witnessed a similar change to that which has occurred in tennis, whereby pace has, to all intents and purposes, supplanted finesse

In squash clubs the general acceptance of "hot" courts has combined with new rack-et frame materials to encourage a game based largely on pace. This, together with virtually no significant change in the characteristics of the ubiquitous "yellow dot" ball, has led to the game's seem-ingly inexorable march toward overly rewarding attritional play.

Apart from resulting in rather a cull spectator sport, even for the aficionado, it is a shame that, at club level, it is no longer either sensible or possible for an over-forties player, say, to compete with younger, less experienced players. The latter lack finesse

State's victims

From Mr David N. Bending Sir, The recent suspensions of the former East Germans, Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Möller, for producples, indicate the importance talented athletes attach to success in sport. These three may be confirmed as cheats and despised forever, but what of their reasons, their excuses? Isn't it the former East German system that should be standing in the

East Germany created a sporting system where babies were taken from their cots and parents were promised that their offspring would have dreams that came true. These children were packed off to boarding schools which specialised in sports to such a degree that it became a machine. Family visits were encouraged in the beginning but latterly discouraged.

Theirs was an inflexible machine. It held no pity, no emotion. Teddy bears and sweets were freely distributed, but this was only to hold their interests. The teachings of

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Our Newmarket Corresponder 5.05 SECRET THING (nap).

before it; surely endurance and stamina in age are worth cultivating and recognising. I swim regularly, and often watch men and women in their sixties and seventies knock off 50 or 100 lengths as if it were nothing. There

must be their counterparts in

many other sports. So let us stop glorifying youth, let us recognise that living longer offers a special challenge, and special oppor-tunities. I propose an overfifties' Olympic Games. Yours sincerely.
JOAN HIGMAN DAVIES,

but are able to retrieve so adequately because of the

12 Islington Park Mews, N1.

sive bounce. There is no doubt that squash is a physically stressful game, which favours the young. Nevertheless I remember having good games with over-fifties ten years or more ago. On cold courts a well-placed drop shot or a lob can be most effective. On a hot court such good quality strokes (from above average players) nowadays mostly bounce off the wall and are

easily returned. I plead for a return of finesse in squash and, assum-ing hot courts and power rackets are here to stay. perhaps this could be provided by the adoption of balls slower than the generally accepted yellow dot. Yours etc.

IAN DILWORTH. Department of Electronic Systems Engineering. University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park

Marx and Engels were branded into their fragile minds like burning irons,

orders never questioned, only obeyed, parents unaware that their children had signed forms that promised absolute The vitamin pills and sweets were often steroids, taken at regular intervals, but to the children they tasted just like sweets. Of course, there

> travel abroad, surely a magnet to any child. Individualism did not exist and, if it did surface, it was quickly subdued. If drugs had not been in use, many of these talented youngsters would still have been world bearers, because the machine had no weakness, and the feared Stasi controlled their lives.

> was always the chance to

However, for every sports child of East Germany who became a success, thousands fell at the first hurdle, their limbs and minds ultimately shattered. That is the price they paid for a dream. Yours faithfully. DAVID N. BENDING, 20/21 Southside Street, The Barbican,

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Plymouth, Devon.

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BETTING: 7-4 George Roper, 4-1 Christian Spirit, 5-1 Petite Lase, 6-1 Awesome Riek, 6-1 Bird Huster, 10-1 riuseca. 14-1 Selectable, 16-1 others.

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2.50 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,363: 1m 1f 209yd) (11 runners)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.25 OVINGDEAN HANDICAP (\$2,539: 1m 3f 198yd) (20 runners)

daytime telephone number.

more control

From Mr W. E. Skinner Sir, I am urged to comment on the emotional response in some quarters to the demise of Aldershot Football Club

(report, March 26). Given the historical extent so which many clubs in the ower divisions of the Football League have had difficulty in marching the ambitions of their owners with the reality of life in an increasingly hratening environment, the event ought not to have been surprising.

Crude analysis suggests that many enthusiastic entrants into the comorate management of such clubs rely on an initial input of funds to reestablish the status quo. They are then unable or unwilling to take steps to avert the inevitable consequence of being unable to manage the degree of change necessary to sustain a viable level of activity.

It would be sad if the market-led progress exempli-fied by the formation of the Premier League is retarded by emotional rhetoric which diverts attention from the issue of less than adequate corporate management. Yours faithfully, W. E. SKINNER Sheffield Business School, The Old Hall, Totley Hall Lane,

South Yorkshire. From Mr Robin Stieber Sir, When I started watching football, the first League club in alphabetical order was Accrington Stanley. Then it became Aldershot. Is anyone at Highbury just a little bit worried?

Yours faithfully. ROBIN STIEBER. 89 Langthorne Street, SW6.

Injury problem From Mr I. C. H. Moody

Sir, I find it a strange phenomenon that, with all the intensive training our firstclass cricketers undergo today, there are so many injuries. Fast bowiers seem to break down with unfailing regularity and batsmen suffer constant injuries.

I seem to remember that, in days of yore, the bowlers bowled more overs per day, and the batsmen made more runs and were at the crease for far longer periods than our players of today. I wonder

I.C. H. MOODY. The Queen Anne House. The Strand, Lympstone, Devon.

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a

Clubs require PE teachers deserve praise

From Professor Margaret Talbot and Mr Mervyn Beck Sir, In the week following the Sports Council's consultation document on sport and young people (report, March 25) it is clear that sport and physical education have never worked together so closely and effectively. The Sports Council's recognition of the unique and crucial role played by teachers of physcial education in our schools, in introducing all children to sport and physical activity, is timely, as teachers prepare to meet the challenges of implementing national curriculum

physical education this Sep-Perhaps it is also timely to remind erstwhile critics of school physical education of the current level of success of national teams. The recent achievements of the England rugby, football and cricket teams have received significant (and deserved) acclaim and media attention. But in

contrast to the headlines of two years ago about national

Cup lessons

From the Reverend J. Wright Sir, It was sad that England did not win the cricket World Cup, despite playing well and reaching the final. However, we have to acknowledge that Pakistan played with flair and won with a variety of

Your leading article (March 26) says the cup was a triumph for cricket and legspinners. Are we going to learn the lesson in England and get back to the days when a wrist-spinner was included in most county sides? How much more interesting and exhilarating domestic cricket sd bluow

Yours sincered JOHN WRIGHT. St Martin's Rectory Hom Street, Folkestone, Kent.

From Mr John Brown Sir, Your leading article is surely wrong in implying that "even the most true-blue Corinthian of England cricket captains of the past" would

Noble gesture

trated by the drag artist.

sports in decline, when mod-ern physical education in schools was cast as the scapegoat, these successes seem to be unrelated to what happens on school playing fields.

Similarly, national progress and success in other sports which have been a more recent part of the school curriculum (gymnastics. squash rackets, badminton, to name but three) are seldom attributed to the essential foundation work done in physical education. A case of brickbats but never applause, perhaps. We believe it is long overdue to recognise the unsung heroines and heroes in our schools, who give so much time and expertise to share with children the chailenges and joys of sport. Yours sincerely, MARGARET TALBOT, MERVYN G. BECK. Carnegie National Sports

Development Centre, Leeds Polytechnic, Beckett Park. Leeds, West Yorkshire.

not have given the South Africans an opportunity of winning. Most amateur captains would have told the fielders to stand back while the batsmen ran 18 off a slow wide—thus leaving the South Africans four to make off the last ball. I suspect that even Jardine would have let them run 16.

Yours faithfully JOHN BROWN. 8 Buckhurst Grove Wokingham, Berkshire. From MrM. Claughton Sir, In the World Cup semifinal against South Africa an "act of God" prompted Graham Gooch to lead his men from the field of play, leaving, as it ultimately and fartically turned out, his opponents to score 22 runs off a single ball.

In the final, against Pakistan, England lost by 22 runs. An irony, a coincidence, an act of God, or just plain Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL CLAUGHTON. Wisden, Maidstone Road, Ashford, Kent

From Mrs Cecily Fairfax Sir, David Miller (March 26) says that Ian Botham earned few admirers for walking out of the dinner where a drag artist. impersonated the Queen. He calls the walkout Botham's "impersonation of a gentleman" and says it

renowned roisterer". Surely roistering (which according to my dictionary means revelling noisily and being uproarious") is light years away from the nasty mocking of the Queen perpe-Botham (and Gooch) cer-

for their action in walking Yours sincerely CECILY FAIRFAX. 54a Cranley Gardens, N13. From Wing Commander Ambrose Streatfelld Sir, Ian Botham's gesture (in contrast to many that we have

seen from him on the field

over the years) won him, in

this country at least, man

admirers. His splendld and

much respected captain and

he can be counted upon to do the right thing when it really matters. Yours faithfully, AMBROSE STREATFEILD, Gulliver's Cottage, 19 St Swithun Street,

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tainly earned my admiration Winchester, Hampshire.

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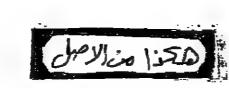
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Solidasarock has right credentials for Liverpool test

WITH one eye on Saturday's big race, it will be interesting to see how the course rides at Liverpool this afternoon when 26 runners contest the John Hughes Memorial Trophy Chase over the Grand National fences.

Solidasarock, trained at Epsom by Reg Akehurst, is my idea of the likely winner. After watching the ten-yearold finish second to Arctic Call at Newbury 12 days ago, Akehurst told me that he has had today's race in mind for Solidasarock for a long time.

He remains convinced that he is the sort to run well over these big fences, even though he was eventually pulled up in last year's Grand National when in a hopeless position. This time he has a circuit less to cover.

There are few more consistent chasers over the park course fences. Apart from a sixth behind Cool Ground at Haydock, where his trainer maintains he failed to get the trip, Solidasarock has not been out of the first three all

Watching his latest race from the middle of the course at Newbury, I got a ground-level view of his jumping, which was safety personified and tailor-made for Aintree. Whereas the top-weight,

Elfast, who won the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at Cheltenham last time, will be entering unknown territory when he tackles two-andthree-quarter miles for the MICHAEL PHILLIPS

has done most of his winning over three miles, should still be running on when others have cried enough.

For Adrian Maguire, the ride on Sirrah Jay will hopefully provide priceless experience as he prepares to partner Cool Ground, the favourite for Saturday's big race. This will be his first taste of the National course.

Golden Freeze, who gave Michael Bowlby a dream of a ride in last year's National until his stamina gave out, is another likely to go well over today's shorter trip.

Last year's winning combi-nation, J-J-Henry and Anthea Farrell, will again have their supporters but the 13-year-old may find the ground softer than he cares David Nicholson and Rich-

memorable start to the meeting by landing a double with Carobee (2.00) and Shamana (2.35).I have seldom been so impressed with a novice as I was with Carobee when I watched

him saunter away with the

ard Dunwoody can make a

Swish Hurdle at Chepstow last month. He is napped to win the Seagram Top Novices' Hurdle, even though the opposition is headed by Flown, who left Halkopous for dead when winning the Trafalgar House

Cheltenham.

Shamana, my choice for the Sandeman Maghull Novices' Chase, looked to be going ominously well at Chel-tenham until she crumpled on landing over the second last fence in the Arkle Chall-

enge Trophy.

My contention that she would have made a race of it that day with the eventual winner, Young Pokey, will be borne out if she manages to easily cope with Space Pair, who went on to finish third in the Arkle.

While obviously respecting Kim Bailey's decision to bring Kings Fountain out again so soon after what turned out to be a bruising experience in the Gold Cup, I feel that Arctic Call has had the better preparation for the Martell Cup.

The way that he rallied in

the straight to give Solidasarock 25lb and a six-length beating was highly commendable and suggested that a recent operation to improve his breathing has been successful

While further rain will improve the chances of Bolaney Boy, Everaldo and Fishki in the 100 Pipers Handicap Hurdle, I prefer the Jim Wilson-trained Jeassu, who should find life easier today with 10st 2lb compared with when he ran last against some of the best in the land at level weights in the BonusPrint Stayers' Hurdle

Laura's Beau out to change Irish luck

By PAUL WHEELER

WHISPER it quietly, but the Irish are coming back. For a nation that regards racing as less of a sport and more of a religion, the jumping fraternity has been starved of success in recent years.

It is 17 years since Tommy Carberry and L'Escargot took the Grand National across the Irish Sea. Since then the closest they have come is with dual runner-up Greasepaint.

Now, top jockey turned trainer Frank Betry is out to change all that with Laura's Beau. The eight-yearold was originally quoted at 50-1, but that price has been tumbling as steadily as the rain over Aintree and 12-1 is now the best avail-

The bay is owned by the renowned Irish gambler, J P McManus. "I think you could say he has an interest in it." Berry said with a laugh.

Berry's best Grand Nat-

ional perfomance as a rider was seventh on The Ellier in 1987, but he rates his chances highly with Laura's Beau. "He's my only runner at the meeting, but he might be enough, hopefully," Berry said. Laura's Beau, who will be



With one National, the Uttoxeter version, already under their belts. Berry and O'Dwyer now have their sights set on the real thing at Liverpool on Saturday

25-year-old O'Dwyer, showed that he excels in wet conditions when sluicing through the mud at Uttoxeter three weeks ago to win the Ansells National over four

race very well, and is in good form," the trainer reported. Just a few days before that victory, Laura's Beau had been pulled up in the Fulke Walwyn Kim

Conor miles. "He came out of the Muir Chase at the Cheltenham festival but, as Berry, explained: "He landed on top of the first ditch at Cheltenham and was out of the race after that. It was a one-off thing because he's normally a good jumper. I think he'll operate round Aintree OK, but you always

need a bit of luck." Berry put blinkers on Laura's Beau for the first time at Uttoxeter. "He's a very laid-back horse and the blinkers just sharpened

him up," Berry explained. "He'll wear them on Saturday." And remembering L'Escargot, he added: "I think the last Irish winner wore blinkers."

Berry, aged 40, was Irish champion jockey a record ten times. His biggest win came in the 1972 Cheltenham Gold Cup on Glencaraig Lady for Francis Flood. and he rode many of the other best horses horses in Ireland like Drumgora and Bobsline. "I had a good run at it," he said modestly.

However, his career was ended by a serious neck in-jury. "I hadn't really thought about training. I did a bit of work for Tattersalls, but I missed the racing so much that, even if it wasn't the best time to get into the business, I wanted

to give it a shot. He now trains 20 horses at the Curragh, and rides Laura's Beau on the rolling Kildare gallops. "We've got mainly young horses so it's taking a bit of time." he says. "Winning the Nat-ional would help a bit."

Scudamore sticks with old pal Bonanza Boy

Scudamore: loyal to last

year's beaten favourite

other runners, Omerta and

Huntworth, had not been

Although Aintree enjoyed its second successive day

without rain and a gentle breeze continued to dry out

the ground, the official going remained unchanged last

night after John Parrett, cierk

of the course, inspected the Mildmay and National courses with Lord Manton.

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Longchamp on May 3 (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

John Hammond reported always limited for very good

can sustain the progress he made throughout last season. wheel by Sheikh Moham-

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BY RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

PETER Scudamore decided yesterday to remain loyal to Bonanza Boy and attempt to complete the Grand National for the fourth successive year on the Martin Pipe-trained

The champion jockey's decision prompted a minor gamble on the 11-year-old and Ladbrokes out their odds from 40-1 to 33-1 after reportedly laying him to lose £100,000 in the Martellsponsored race.

Scudamore said last night: "I know the horse well and he yard said that riding arrange-has been good to me over the ments for the stable's two has been good to me over the years so I thought I would stick by him. A downpour at Aintree would obviously help his chances."

Bonanza Boy, who started 13-2 favourite last year, fin-ished fifth behind Seagram. He was sixteenth and eighth in the two previous runnings. This year the dual Welsh National winner has been leased for the day by The Sun and will run in the newspaper's colours.

Scudamore has ridden in every Grand National since 1981 but has never won the race. He finished third on Corbiere in 1985. A spokeswoman at Pipe's the Grand National course,"

seasonal reappearance in the

French Racing Correspond-

yesterday that the Green

Dancer colt had wintered

well and is confident that he

"He's in good shape, med.

ent writes).

Hamilton Park

Parrett said. "There has been little change since yesterday though it has started to dry

where around Aintree and outside Merseyside has been having bad weather and we have had a few anxious trainers phoning up."

The Manchester Weather

Centre forecast rain spreading from the north by midnight and continuing for the rest of the night, mostly light with the odd heavy burst.

al showers today and tomorrow and a dry evening before the big race.

Strong winds affect the going more than anything

else here and the forecast would suggest drier conditions," Parrett added. The uncertainty over the ground conditions on Satur-

day meant betting interest was again subdued. William Hill reported inter-

chairman of the stewards for the opening day of the threeday meeting.

The ground is good to soft on the Mildmay chase and hurdle courses, and soft on

"It would appear every-

The outlook is for occasion-

est in the soft ground special-ists and cut Willsford from 16-1 to 14-1, Romany King and Rubika from 25-1 to

Seagram attracted eachway support and last year's winner had his price trimmed to 40-1 from 50-1. Just So, a renowned mudlark who has been running well in competiive handicaps, came

in to 50-1 from 66-1.
Ladbrokes took similar action following support for the Paul Nicholls-trained chaser and also reported support for Ghofar, now 33-1 from 40-1. Ace Of Spies, a winner at Tramore, Listowel and Cheltenham in the early part of the season, is the latest defector from the race. "It is no good running him on soft ground," trainer Gill Jones said. "If it dries up, we will send him to Fairyhouse for the Irish National."

The absence of Ace Of Spies guarantees a run for the Paul Leach-trained Stearsby. a first National ride for Seamus Mackey.

MANDARIN 2.00 CAROBEE (nap). 2.35 Welsh Bard. 3.45 Captain Mor. 2.00 CAROBEE (nap). 2.35 Shamana .10 Arctic Call 3.10 KINGS FOUNTAIN 4.50 Native Tribe 3.45 Solidasarock. 4.20 Salwan. (nap). 3.45 Shannagary. 4.20 Novello Allegro. 4.50 Mayfair Minx. 5.20 Brief Gale. 4.50 Jeassu. 5.20 Chuck Curley.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 ARCTIC CALL.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (MILDMAY COURSE); SOFT (GRAND NATIONAL) SIS

2.00 SEAGRAM TOP NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £9,974: 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 13-6 Flown, 15-6 Carobse, 9-4 Halliopus, 14-1 Who's To Say, 50-1 Crosshot, Hangover, 65-1 Bibendum, Safe Arrival, 150-1 Dante's Inferno. 1901; GRANVILLE AGAIN 5-11-6 P Scudemore (5-4 tev) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAROBEE beat Gelsoy High 15! in 6-numer Chap-stow (2m, sorth nurdle, FLOWN beat HALKOPOUS (8b) better off) 10! in 17-numer grade I Trateiger House Supreme Novice Hurdle at Chaltenham (2m, good): presiduely beat Song Of Supence 10! in 5-numer grade II Dovecote Novice Hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to firm). To Flashing Steel in Nass (2m, yielding) letted hurdle. Selection: FLOWN (nap)

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205	4-14155	FRAGRANT DAWN 23 (D.F.G.S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 8-11-3	- 94
206	F-1212F	FREELINE FINISHING 25 (D.Q.S) (I Struet) N Henderson 6-11-3	96
207	3-32113	SPACE FAIR 28 (D,F,G,S) (Osborne House Ltd) R Lee 9-11-3	• 99
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BETTING: 7-2 Shamana, 9-2 Space Fair, 5-1 Fragrant Dawn, 7-1 Cychrate, Welch Bard, 8-1 Freeline Finishing, 14-1 Far Over Struy, Gale Again, 16-1 Deminore, 20-1 Trubtion, 65-1 Dencing River. 1991: YOUNG BENZ 7-11-3 L Wyer (13-2) M H Easterby 10 ran

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Selection: SPACE FAIR

3.10 MARTELL CUP CHASE (Grade II: £23,065; 3m 1f) (8 runners) BETTING: 3-1 Arctio Call, Kings Fountain, 6-1 Aquiller, Sparkling Flame, 7-1 Harry Mann, Mr Entertainer, 20-1 Tipping Tim, 25-1 Norton's Colin

1991: AQUILIFER 11-11-5 R Dunwoody (11-2) M Pipe 5 ren **FORM FOCUS**

KINGS FOUNTAIN in lead when blundering and unseating rider 15th in grade I Gold Cup at Chellentum (Sm 2), good) with NORTON'S COIN tailed off when pulled up before 3 out; previously best AQUILIFER (14th better off) 71 in 6-runner Wincanton (3m 1), good) chase.

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ELFAST best Sea Island 3'41 in 19-runner Chelten-ham (2m 4f, good) handicap chase with SIRRAH JAY tailed of 16th. SIRRAH JAY 1'81 2nd of 6 to Worthy Kright in Kampton (2m 4f, good to 1mm) handicap chase on penultimate starf SOLIDASAROCK 6i 2nd of 6 to Arctic Call in Newbury (3m, good to firm) handicap chase TECH-NICS best New Mill House 4i in 8-narver Gowran Park (2m 4f, good to yeliching) handicap chase LA-TENT TALENT 6'41 3nd of 19 to Tug Of Gold in

Chettenham (3m. good) amateur nders handicap chase with STRONG GOLD (3b better off) SI 4th and RONANS BIRTHDAY (4b better off) his 6th. BISHOPS HALL best Dagwood 3bl in 8-runner Leoperdatown (2m 3l, yeelding to soft) handicap chase EIGHT SPRINGS best Old Applejack shift in 8-runner Doncaster (2m 4l, good to limit) handicap chase INTERIM UB 11-1 2nd ol 6 to Cavaller Crosset in Ayr (2m, heavy) handicap chase. Selection: EUFAST

4.20 GLENLIVET ANNIVERSARY HURDLE (Grade II: 4-Y-O: £21,580: 2m) (13 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Novello Allegro, 4-1 Staunch Friend, 11-2 Good Profile, 7-1 Salvan, 8-1 Abasiam's Lady, Qualitar Sound, 10-1 Demond Cut, 14-1 Kashen, Mizyan, 18-1 Paris Of Troy, 33-1 Gallateen, 150-1 Namaste, 200-1 Ingn.

1991: MONTPELIER LAD 11-0 N Doughty (9-1) G Richards 14 ran

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GOOD PROFILE 5: 3rd of 8 to Snowy Lanz in Haydock (2m, good to soft) hurdle. DIAMOND CUT 11/21 2nd of 9 to Cadency in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) hurdle of 9 to Cadency in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) horde of Mormouth in grade 1 Daily Burles of Mormout

4.50 100 PIPERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£9,306: 3m 1f) (26 runners)

Long handlosp: Withy Bank 9-13, Dom Scino 9-13, Mayfeir Minx 9-13, Mediane 9-12, Petty Bridge 9-12. Glen-form 9-5.

BETTING: 6-1 Everatio, 7-1 Jeaseu, 10-1 Bolancy Boy, 18-1 Capability Brown, Fishki, Kinge Rank, 14-1 May-fair Minx, Sprowston Boy, 16-1 Cogent, Old Dundalk, The Demon Barber, 20-1 Classic Statement, Lake Testeer, Native Tribe, Sayyure, 25-1 Petty Bridge, 35-1 Mediane, Ru Valentino, Sir Crusty, Threeouteflour, 50-1 Castle Secret, Meedian, 65-1 Derring Valley, Glenform, 100-1 Dom Edfino, 150-14thy Bank. 1991: MERANO 8-10-4 G McCourt (9-2 lav) M W Easterby 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLANEY BOY best Dewson City 31/2 in 6-runner Haydock (2m 41, good) handcap hurdle with THE DEMON BARBER (15b better off) 12 3rd EVER-ALDO best KINGS RANK (2b better off) 1/2 in 17-runner Unto-steter (2m, solt) handcap hurdle with TRIBE (8b better off) 1/2 3rd CLASSIC STATEMENT (9b better off) 1/2 1 3rd CLASSIC STATEMENT (9b bet

 $5.20\,$ no 1 bourbon street champion national hunt flat race (£4,893: 2m) (22 runners)

BETTING: 3-1 Credo Park, 4-1 Osmosis, 6-1 Chuck Curley, Konvekta Control, 6-7 Briat Gale, Syd's Brother, 10-1 High Alblude, 12-1 others 1991: DUAL IMAGE 4-11-0 Mr A Maguiro (11-1) Jimmy Fitzgerakt 16 ran

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Culrun, 2-1); 3, Opticell (I. Chlermock, 8-1).
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4.45 (Im 3/ 16yd) 1, SILLARS STALICER (Fl Havitn, 9-4 fav); 2, Santaray, (S D Williams, 4-1); 3, Needwood Poppy (Darrien Moffatt, 33-1), ALSO FAN: 3 Long Furiong (6th), 13-2 Obellaid (6th), 14 Gray Commander (4th), Tequile Gold, 16 Bobby On The Bank, 33 Arrow Dancer, Oka Flow. 10 ran. NF: Cheeky Pot. 21, 191, 2191, 251, 391, Mrs. J Remoden at Thirak. Tote: 52.90; 51.10, \$1.80, \$4.00. DF: 55.70. CSF: 51.16. Tricast: £197.04. Placepot: £87.90.

Worcester lost

Yesterday's National Hunt meeting at Worcester was abandoned following a morning inspection. The course had become waterlogged following heavy overnight rain.

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Cricket is continuing to lower the barriers



Bacher: architect

SOUTH Africa's cricketers leave tomorrow on an historic trip to the West Indies, where they will play the first Test between the two countries, in Barbados starting on April 18. Cricket is proving that the constitutional revolution of this nation need not be written in

On their way to Australia for the World Cup, the South Africans stopped off in Zimbabwe. An African National Congress (ANC) official, exiled for 27 years, called on them in Harare. As he spoke to them, in what was part pep talk, part good wishes, the players gazed at him in open disbelief. Here was a black man, driven

from his country by suffocating prejudice, asking a white team to play well for him. What this game, and sport in general, is doing for the country is beyond the scope of any politician, priest or hilosopher. Dr Ali Bacher, who captained

South Africa in four Tests in 1969-70, has been the main ar-chitect of the development programme of the United Cricket Board. It was Bacher who insisted to the weary players that they must ride through Johannesburg, on their return, for a ticker-tape wel-come. In an overwhelmingly black populated city, 100,000 lined the

"It was essential." Bacher reflects, "that we had the population out on the streets cheering a South African team. At the Wanderers Club, during the World Cup, black employees would come up to me and say 'Hey man, isn't our team doing well'. There are many visionaries, white and black, seeking to

few years ago, many whites want-ed Bacher dismissed: now they acclaim his perseverance and

achieve a bloodless revolution. A

A PAND MINE LEVEL SOLDING SELECTION

predominantly white, gathered to welcome the returning team at Jan Smuts airport, Bacher paid tribute to the conciliatory negotia-tions of Steve Tshwete. The black intermediary from the ANC re-

ceived an ovation.
Yet this is a man who, politically detained on Robben Island, spent nine months in solitary confine-ment for leading prisoners' pro-tests in 1981. Locked in what he calls "a coffin" for all but two periods of 15 minutes a day, Tshwete talked aloud to himself to retain his sanity. It has been his undernonstrative logic that has guided the ANC's transformation of sporting relations with the whites, and with the rest of black Africa. It was he who sat beside Nelson Mandela, across the table from the visiting International

Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation this week, to help dovetail international relations for the Games in Barcelona.

"I met Steve in 1990 at the East London township of Mdantsane," Bacher recalls, "and a few months later he agreed to speak to the United Cricket Board. During discussions lasting all day, he con-vinced 50 white administrators that the blacks didn't intend a takeover. I have tremendous respect for him, for his lack of bitterness. Addressing the Caribbean high commissioners in London, it was Steve who said that the United Board was an embryo that needed international support. If we'd had Mugabe here, instead of Mandela and Tshwete, our cricket would never be where it is

What has inspired the team. Bacher reflects, is the knowledge that the majority of the country is now supporting them. "In the past, if Bobby Simpson [of Australia] scored a century or the Lions or All Blanks accord a cut the blanks. or All Blacks scored a try, the black population here rejoiced," Bacher recalls. "Yet it's going to take years, maybe decades, to make sure that we are providing equal opportunity. Our top players must keep their eye on this perspective. Facilities are still non-existent in

the townships."

Bacher dismisses out of hand the fuss about attempted abolition by the blacks of the Springbok sporting symbol. What is more important, he asks: playing West Indies, or keeping the Springbok emblem? If people would ease off, he suggests, the symbol might eventually find favour again. The position of pupils he considers is position of rugby, he considers, is indefensible: the only coaching assistance has been to coloureds,

The cornerstone of the forth-coming tour has been the teleision agreement, handled by the International Management Group, to bearn live pictures of the Barbados Test, starting at late afternoon prime time. The black population will be able to watch Ambrose and Richardson up against our boys, and it will be an inspiration both ways." Bacher says. Conrad Hunte, the former West Indies Test player, has been coaching here in the township. "Fantastic." Bacher reflects with

The arrival of official Test cricket once again means that South Africa can now start to generate its own money to back the 3 million rand per annum development programme, hitherto supported by sponsors. The under-19 team also departing tomorrow, with 11 nonwhites out of 15, is testimony to

Tour has enhanced Morris's reputation

England batsmen failed to solve a familiar problem

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

ON SEVERAL counts the England A tour that ended here yesterday was more exacting than those to Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka the previous two winters. More formidable opposition was predictable but other factors also contributed to what was six weeks of harsh education for mostly young, developing players.

Among them were endless injuries, a poorly planned itinerary and less than satisfactory pitches. A low-scoring unofficial Test series was lost 2-0 and, hard though the side fought, few players had cause to be content with their performance.

The relentless pressure imposed by high calibre fast bowling was mainly responsible and brought a microcosm of the ordeal suffered by visiting full Test teams from around the world for two de-

Any tangible benefit for the English game, therefore, has to be sought from what on paper was a disappointing record. It must be hoped that the reward will come in the years ahead in terms of characters strengthened and experience gained.

A six-week tour was about a fortnight shorter than it should have been if everyone

England A batting and fielding

Lahore joy

after cup

pilgrimage

returned home to a rapturous

welcome here yesterday after making a pilgrimage to Mec-

ca to mark their victory in the

Thousands of supporters.

chanting dancing and beat-ing drums, throwing flower

petals, greeted the captain, Imran Khan, and his team as

they drove slowly through his

home town on a decorated

truck, led by hundreds of

The welcome was in con-

trast to the side's brief stop in

Karachi on Sunday after ar-

riving from Australia, when

Imran refused to greet the

thousands of supporters out-

youths on motorcycles.

World Cup in Australia.

was to have equal opportunities to prove themselves. A longer tour would have allowed a three-day game to be played between Test matches. This tour finished with three consecutive Tests. which was far from ideal.

Those whom it was hoped would offer most became the more serious casualties and took little or no part. For Malcolm and Pick, the intended riposte to Caribbean pace, to be injured for long periods was a bitter blow. Moxon, the original captain, and Hussain, another batsman expected to prove a stabilising influence, were also deprived of the chance to boost their international

Fortunately Morris rose splendidly to the challenge of replacing Moxon as captain. Morris visibly matured as the tour progressed and he consistently made runs. Ramprakash still did not quite achieve the breakthrough he required to establish his obvious credentials beyond argument but he came that much closer to doing so.

Johnson was the tour's most rewarding discovery. Given that A tours are directed at finding potential Test players, Johnson knocked

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one else. Johnson, a bustling. back-foot player and fine fieldsman, tended to get out when he looked set - just as Bicknell and Thorpe did. Johnson, though, did enough to ensure that the selectors will want to keep him in mind

Stephenson, possibly the most competitive player in the side, failed to make the runs he should have, as did Rhodes who, though, always kept wicket soundly. Stephenson atoned by his remarkable success as an occasional bowler. In this role he bailed out his side time and again. Stephenson brought balance to a team which did not have

Salisbury made the most progress among the specialist bowlers, spinning the ball considerably without losing control or variety. Cork and Croft underlined their promise and Munton worked hard for little reward. Both Munton and Watkin, however, I suspect, will always pe form better in English conditions than overseas.

UNOFFICIAL TEST MATCHES: Port of Span: West indies A 249 and 241-9 dec, England A 212 and 148 West indies won by 130 nms 5 Vincent: England A 241 and 108. West indies A 302 and 48-1 West indies won by mer wickets Barbados: England A 342 and 171-8 dec. West indies A 306 and 97-2 Match drawn. OVERALL TOUR RECORD: Played 10 won 6, drawn 3, lost 2



Bjorn again: Borg, aged 35, shows in Houston that he can still do it with his eyes closed

Borg has fun in latest comeback

By Our Sports Staff

Houston, Texas: Bjorn Borg, making another comeback at the age of 35, beat Peter Svensson, also of Sweden, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, at the River Oaks International tournament

here.
"I was pretty satisfied," Borg said after playing his first match since nearly a year ago, when he lost in the first round at Monte Carlo.

Borg served for the match twice in the second set but lost both games and eventually dropped the set in a tie-break. "I'm still not 100 per cent confident," he said. "I need to

play more matches." The crowd of 3.400 cheered politely for Svensson's winners but roared for Borg as he showed flashes of the player he was over a decade ago, when he won five successive Wimbledon titles before retiring at

"It's fun again." Borg said.

"I know I'm not going to play the same tennis as when I was No. I in the world. Even if I would have lost the match. I would look forward to the next tournament. I know I can still play better tennis. I wish I could play tennis the way I do in practice."

"He's really fast," Svens-son. aged 17, said. "Some shots I couldn't believe he got back. He is in unbelievably good shape." Borg said he did not plan to

enter any grand slam tournaments this year, but would consider it next year. "Six months from now, I'll see where I am," he said. Writer 1 arm. The Sattle.

RESULTS: First round (US unless stated):
A Medveder (CS) bit P Nyborg (Swe), 7-6,
6-4, B Borg (Swe) bit P Swensson (Swe), 6-2,
6-7, 6-3. M Wasterholme (Cam) bit S Deves,
6-4, 6-3. J Brown bit S Campbell, 6-2, 6-1, L
Warligran (Swe) bit N Krotin (Swe), 6-1, 6-1,
7 Johansson (Swe) bit J Lloyd (GB), 6-7, 6-4,
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6-4. J Palmer bit T Svantesson (Swe), 6-3,
6-6, 6-2.

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The starting point is in the school system

SPORT AND THE GENERAL ELECTION

body. It is a traism - but one that should be vigorously restated - that proper exercise is a necessary counter-force to stress. quite apart from the importance of sport in teaching fair play, team spirit and controlled competitiveness.

That is why Conservative policy for sports starts in the schools. Introducing young people to sport and physical recreation is vital. In this, teachers have an essential role, both in developing sporting skills within the curriculum and also providing extra-curricular sporting opportuni-ties. That is also why we have included physical education (PE) in the curricuium for pupils aged five to 16 for the first time.

Yet there is still an instinct among some leftist educationalists in schools and local authorities that school sports — especially team sports - are undesirable because they encour-age a competitive spirit that affronts left-wing dog-ma. That is a mean-minded attitude which would deny children something that should be part of their education for life. Sport and PE in the curriculum and my own belief is that the head of PE in every school should be part of the head teacher's management body. Happily, the government's projections suggest a plen-tiful supply of PE teachers for the 1990s.

A government has the right and duty to intervene directly in matters of sport in schools and we have done so. In adult sport, however, we envisage our role somewhat differently. We believe that sport is a voluntary activity and should remain so. Unlike



The Times invited the three main political parties to set out their manifesto for sport in this week before the General Election.

Today: Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, completes the series with the Conservative plan

the Labour party's, ours is an arm's length approach. Labour's attitude to sport is essentially bureaucratic. They seek a "greater minis-terial role" in the Sports Councils - ie, political bias. Moreover, Labour has made clear that, though it grudgingly "recognises" private sponsorship, it befor what it calls "proper

e have provided a government grant of £48.8 million for 1992-3 to the Sports Council — which is to be restructured as the UK Sports Commission and as a Sports Council for Eng-land. This grant has been increased in line with inflation. We have also announced a further grant of E3 million to attract companies into sports sponsorship on the basis of a pound-for-pound of government money for sport in the inner cities and for young

people. There is also the successful £750,000 Cham-pion Coaching scheme which has enabled nearly 6,000 children in England to experience quality coaching in many sports.

Nonservative government intervenes where necessary to prime the pump of volun-tary action. The National Lottery, which we will introduce in the next parliament, will help to provide funds for sport as well as for charities, arts and the countryside. As we have said, part of the proceeds will be put aside yearly into the Millennium Fund, and from this, too, sport will benefit. We are also, of course, providing £55 mil-lion for Manchester to support its bid to host the Olympic Games in 2000.

But we do not only act through the provision of we give to the right attitude to sport — a "sporting" atti-tude — is as important among young people generally and in professional sport as it is in the schools. The role of the Sports Council in encouraging fair play is invaluable. Then again, we have been energetic in promoting internato counter the use of drugs in sport. Happily, there are clear indications that this

policy is bearing fruit. We shall not vie with Lab-our in making grand and empty promises of public money which would be paid for by penal taxes and by undesirable political intervention. The government's proper role, outside its direct responsibilities for education, is to help people concerned with or interested in sport to help them-selves. That is the right policy. It is a policy we shall continue.

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YACHTING

Stars & Stripes fights back

SMART tactics in the light and shifting winds rather than boat speed decided the second-day matches in the defender and challenger eliminations for the America's Cup - and there were some surprises.

Dennis Conner's veterans, struggling with their singleboat program against the four-boat, \$55 million budget of Bill Koch's America3 syndicare in the defender trials, scored their fourth win in a row with Stars & Stripes, by 45sec, over Koch's proven allrounder, America3. In the challenger semi-

finals, Ville de Paris (Marc Pajot, France)the fourth qualifier, convincingly beat the second qualifier, New Zealand (Rod Davis) by Imin breeze strength there. The

And the top qualifier, Nip-pon (Chris Dickson, Japan), lost her second race in a row. by 2min 4sec. to Il Moro di Venezia (Paul Cayard, Italy) which now leads the challenger semis with two wins. The stage was set by a

gradual swing in the wind direction to the right (looking into the wind), by 45 degrees as the afternoon progressed. All the winning gains were made by boats which got to the right early.

The swing began during the first windward beat on the defenders' course. Conner and his tactician. Tom Whidden, had gone left, detecting more pressure in the

America? afterguard (Buddy Melges, David Dellenbaugh, Koch, By Baldridge) started to the right, anticipating the swing. But when Stars & Stripes came back strongly from the left on the better pressure through several tacking exchanges, America³ let Stars & Stripes through to the right.

The win for the first time put Stars & Stripes into the points lead with three.

POLITIS APAIG WILLE LITTEE.
RESULTS: Semi-finate: Challengacs: Ville de Paris (M Paict, Fr) bt New Zealand (R Davis), Iroin 46act: Il Moro di Venezia (P Cayard, II) bt Nippom (C Dictaon, Japan), 2min 4sec. Progress points: I, Il Moro di Venezia, 2pts; equal 2, Ville de Paris and New Zealand 1; 4, Nippom (D. Dafanders, Stare & Stripes, (D Cornet) bit America? (W Koch), 45acs. Progress points: 1, Stare & Stripes, 2pts; 2, Kanze (W Koch), 2, 3.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Paralympic body ready to compromise on logo

BY ALLY RAMSAY THE argument between the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the British Paralympic Association BPAI has grown into a legal battle with international repercussions.

It was only when the BOA first complained that the BPA's logo was too similar to their own that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) realised that it may have a marketing problem on its hands and tried to have the paralympic movement abandon its trademark of five teardrops. "It may be that if

crest so similar to the BOA's. nobody would have noticed the similarities between the rings and the teardrops," Bob Steadward, the president of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), said. The IPC executive commit-

tee decided on Tuesday to negotiate with the IOC. The IPC is willing to compromise and change its trademark. For Lillehammer in 1994, the Norwegians have sold the Winter Olympics and paralympics to potential sponsors as one package, placing the rings and tear-

drops side by side.
At yesterday's bitterly cold closing ceremony of the winter Paralympics, the British team was instructed to wear their tracksuits, rather than their skiing kits, which bear the Olympic logo. The cere-mony took place in front of a huge banner bearing the five Olympic rings which was left over from the able-bodied Olympics five weeks ago.

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RESULTS (Winners and leading British)
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side the terminal but met VIPs inside. The team then flew to Mecca at the suggestion of the prime minister. Nawaz Sharif. The Pakistan players now have a short rest before preparing for their tour of England, starting early next month. (Reuter) ☐ The benefit season of Mark Benson, the Kent captain, raised £174,619 last

Lawson is denied a farewell victory OVERSEAS CRICKET BY SIMON WILDE

WESTERN Australia yesterday completed a remarkable fightback against New South Wales to win the Sheffield Shield for the twelfth time in 24 years, a sequence that began under the inspirational captaincy of Tony Lock, the former England slow left-arm

On each of the last two days of the five-day final in Perth. Western Australia had appeared a beaten team. Early on the fourth day they were 129 for six in their second innings, only 110 runs ahead, before a seventh-wicket partnership of 191 between Justin Langer (149) and Tim Zoehrer (81) brought them back into the match. Langer's six-hour vigil was all the more remarkable for his having been badly shaken that morning in a road accident in which his car was written off.

Then yesterday. New South

Wales, set 326 to win, seemed

to have the match won at 202

for two before a collapse of

which Australia's World Cup

team might have been proud

Geoff Lawson, confirmed his retirement from the first-class Delhi won the Ranji Trophy at the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium on Tuesday, beating

lead. Ajay Sharma, the Test player, hit 175 for the winners and finished as the sea-933 runs. at the typically game for Delhi since serving an II-month ban from Indian cricket for his part in the fracas during last season's Duleep Trophy final, scored 80. He has kept himself in touch playing league cricket in Bangladesh.

Tamil Nadu on first-innings son's leading batsman with modest Ranji Trophy average of 155.50. Raman Lamba. who was playing his first

ing in just 79 balls. New

South Wales were all out for

281 and lost by 44 runs. After

the match their captain.

Woorkery Raman, the Tamil Nadu captain, failed by 18 runs to record his fourth successive century, following scores of 226 and 120 in the semi-final against 1AY APRIL 2 1992

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Television offer to give £500m to football

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FOOTBALL'S governers have been offered a free stake in the independent television company that wants to plough £500 million into the sport at all levels over the next ten vears.

James Cadman, a director of Full Time Communications (FTC), which is competing with ITV and the partnership of BBC and BSkyB for the new Premier League television contract. said yesterday: "On top of the basic offer, we are also offering an equity stake for the Premier League, the Football Association and the Football League — even schools foot-ball — allowing them to share in future profits and success.

"We want to undertake a long-term partnership and we have heard from Rick Parry [the Premier League chief executive that they are extremely interested. Other people in the game have told us the package is irresistible and now we are anxious to have meetings with ITV. BBC and BSkyB."

FTC plans a 24-hour satellite football channel starting in August 1993. That would not, however, mean blank screens next season if it wins the vote when the 22 Premier League club chairmen hold their ballot on television cov-

erage later this month.
We would encourage the other three channels to show football next season, including some live games, but we believe football is about more than just the top clubs,"

Cadman said. He then confirmed that FTC had the financial resources to meet its commitments: "A lot of people around the world see football

as an untapped market," he

said. "Our money is coming from a number of sources, some of it from overseas."

The chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), Gordon Taylor, was well aware of the substantial figures being discussed - ITV has offered £20 million a year for Premier League rights — as he pre-pared to meet Parry. Sir John Quinton, the Premier League chairman, and Terry Venables, the chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur, yester-

Taylor is threatening to call his players out on strike unless the Premier League agrees to pay the PFA ten per cent of television income. The union has been offered five per cent or a minimum £1

☐ Gavin Maguire, the Welsh international defender who has been unable to command a first-team place with Portsmouth this season, may be given a surprise call-up in Sunday's FA Cup semi-final with Liverpool.

Maguire, who has made only one first-team appearance this season could make a comeback following an injury to Andy Awford. The £1 mil-lion-rated Awford limped off during Tuesday night's 2-1 home defeat by Charlton Athletic with a groin strain and is rated doubtful for the game.

Awford, a central defender, is having intensive treatment and the Portsmouth physio, Neil Sillett, said: "It will be touch and go. He is a good healer but this was a bad injury and at a bad time."

SEMI-FINAL REPLAY DATES; Sunder-land v Norwich City: Hillsborough, Wednesday, April 8. Liverpool v Ports-mouth: Villa Park, Monday, April 13.

United take chance to take lead again

By Louise Taylor

MANCHESTER United returned to the top of the first division on Tuesday when they defeated Norwich City 3-I at Carrow Road. Two goals from Paul Ince and one from Brian McClair put them one point clear of Leeds United, over whom they have a game in hand.

While Norwich possibly had Sunday's FA Cup semi-final against Sunderland on their minds, Liverpool refused to allow the prospect of their semi-final against Portsmouth to prove a distraction.

Goals from Thomas, Veni-

son, McManaman and Rush brought a 4-0 victory at Anfield against Notts County. who are now in acute danger of making the swiftest of returns to the second division. Arsenal kept their hopes of Uefa Cup football next season flickering with a 3-3 draw against Nottingham Forest at Highbury. They had Tony

Adams to thank for a last-

minute equaliser after Woan,

Clough, and Keane had put

Forest ahead, with Dixon and Merson on target for Arsenal. Portsmouth's promotion hopes were dented at Fratton Park, where that meeting with Liverpool seemed to be affecting Jim Smith's side. That suited Charlton Athletic, who departed 2-1 winners, courtesy of goals from Leaburn and Whyte which pushed them up to fourth in

the second division. Despite spending £5.4 million since becoming manager of Blackburn Rovers, Kenny Dalglish has seen his team lose its last three matches. four of their last five and win only once in the last ten outings.

That dispiriting sequence continued at bottom placed Port Vale, where Blackburn sank 2-0. Dalglish said: "The only good thing about the match was that it just lasted 90 minutes. It is the worst performance since I came here. The scoreline flattered us and the Blackburn sup-porters deserve a lot better."

Byrne's skills are top drawer

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE sight of John Byrne with arms aloft has been a recurring feature of this season's FA Cup. After scoring in every round of the competition so far, the Sunderland forward hopes to be celebrating again in the semi-final against Norwich City at Hillsborough on Sunday.

A lot has happened to Byrne since those days, 11 years ago, when York City would have given him a free transfer. Enter Denis Smith, then the Stoke City centre half, who had just arrived on a loan that would lead to the player-manag-

er's job.

The first team were doing something I did not fancy so I joined the reserves in the gymnasium," Smith recalls. "Once in there, I saw this kid doing things that nobody else at York could do, but he said he was thinking of giving up.
"When I asked about

him, someone came out with the classic that he was allergic to grass and on a free transfer because of it." Byrne did indeed have an

allergy but it proved curable and he improved so much as a player that Smith Smith was eventually able to get a good fee for him from Queen's Park

Rangers.
On joining Sunderland,
Smith attempted to re-sign
Byrne but the player, a Republic of Ireland interestings, onted for France and tional, opted for France and Le Havre. A bright begin-ning there was blighted by a broken leg and Byrne found that once again, his face failed to fit.

"It got nasty. The club tried to throw me out of my apartment and put me in the youth team," Byrne said. "It was clear they did not want me and I gave serious thought to another

"Denis had tried to buy me again but there was a me again but there was a mix-up with my agent, it fell through, and I got depressed. Then, in one final attempt to stay in the game, I faxed all the English first and second division clubs. But only Brighton and Blackburn Rovers replied."

He opted for Brighton, where Barry Lloyd "sorted me out". Byrne repaid Lloyd

UAU I surpassed their previ-

ous performances to defeat

London 3-0 and qualify for

the British Universities

Sports Federation final in

In a game that never really

came alive, London squan-

dered a couple of easy

chances before Keevil con-

verted a seventh-minute short

corner for his fifth goal of the tournament. UAU added

goals by Keevil, from a short

Oxford, the holders, were

beaten 1-0 by Northern Ire-

land in the second semi-final,

Mitchell scoring from a fifth-

The two teams that had

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Birmingham yesterday.



by playing an important part in Brighton's progress to the finals of the second division promotion playoffs, which they lost to

Notts County last May.
By the autumn, Brighton's financial plight was such that they had no option but to sell their prime asset, who arrived at Roker Park for a fee of £225,000. His signing, though, proved too late to save Smith, who lost his job at Christmas. While Sunderland's sec-

ond division form has contimed to disappoint, they have looked a different team in the Cup. Byrne

finished the previous day with

maximum points suffered de-

feats in the morning. In pool A. Northern Ireland lost 1-0

to UAU I and in pool B.

London were beaten 1-0 by

London wasted early

chances and fell behind Ox-

ford after 26 minutes when

they stopped playing when a

whistle was blown on the ad-

joining field and Markham

RESULTS: Pool A: UAU i 1, Northern Ireland 0; UAU i 2, Cambridge 3. Final placings: 1, UAU i, Spts; 2, Northern Ireland, 4; 3, Cambridge, 2, 4, UAU 8, 0. Pool B: London 0, Cotord 1; Wales 1, Sootland 8, Final placings: 1, Oxford, Spos; 2, London, 4; 3, Sootland, 3; 4, Weles, 0, Cross over matiches: UAU 8, Scotland, 0; Combridge 3, Wales 1, Semf-Brails: UAU 3, London 0; Northern Ireland 1, Oxford 0.

nipped in to score.

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London eliminated as

chances go to waste

Oxford.

leading the attack in fine style. "John has a lovely first touch, so good you can guar-antee it," Smith said. "He is very mobile, drags defenders into areas where they don't want to go and his

finishing is very good.
"He is playing so well now because he has relaxed as a person. He has finally gained confidence, knows he is a good player, and has got over the insecurities he once had."

Age is the only drawback. "At 31, John is a depreciating asset," Smith said. "But he learnt how to look after himself in France, he has got two young children to keep him going and I think he has a few seasons left." Retirement is not on

Byrne's mind. "I can read a game, I play with my brain, so I don't think age is too great a problem," he said. Anyway I enjoy it too much to give up. I feel confident, my family are absolutely settled in Durham and the

crowd is fantastic.
"Having grown up a
Manchester United supporter I thought I knew
about fanaticism. But the Sunderland crowd is something else. I am playing on the right stage."

SNOOKER

Hallett's sinking form receives a timely lift

MIKE Hallett, whose excellent form in invitation events this season has been in contrast to a string of disappointments in ranking tournaments, restored a measure of lost confidence yesterday by beating Neal Foulds 5-4 in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, County Kildare.

Hallett opened the season with victories in the Regal Scottish Masters and Humo Belgian Masters but since then his game has collapsed to such an extent that he must now negotiate his first-round match with Alan McManus at the world championship later in the month to safe-

guard a place in the top 16. It appeared that Hallett was again heading for defeat when Foulds — surprisingly beaten 5-3 by Alison Fisher, the women's world champion, in the Matchroom League on Saturday — established a 4-2 lead. Hallett, though, made breaks of 71, 36 and 55 to win the last three frames.

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association disciplinary hearing concerning the complaints made against Alex Higgins after last November's UK Open has been postponed from April 5 and 6. RESULTS: First round: M Helleti (Eng.) bt N Foulds (Eng.), 5-4.

arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and the New Orleans Classic, which starts here today, will be only his second tournament back and only his third of this year.

en years since I played the tournament immediately before the Masters," he said. "! usually go to Augusta the week before, go home and then return. This time I'll travel up on Monday so I'll be treating it like a normal

and concentrate on designing golf courses.

"It would have been an easy decision to take," he said. "I enjoyed taking the children to school and learning where the dishes go. But playing golf is my profession and still my first love after my family. I knew it was time to get back

missing gaps in my career. "And every season seems to provide a new barometer on which to gauge things. I'm 37 and Ray Floyd has just won a tour event at the age of 49, so I've got to be looking at what

GOLF

Norman aims to graduate from supporting cast

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN NEW ORLEANS

GREG Norman will play practice rounds at Augusta next week with players such as Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd and Tom Watson, but he will not be allowed to change his shoes with them.

Only the Masters champions have an entry pass to the locker-room on the second floor of the clubhouse and Norman will be compelled to use the one downstairs with the rest of the supporting

Norman is the finest golfer of recent times not to have won the Masters but he believes that his prospects of winning this time may have been improved by accident rather than by design.

The Australian underwent

"It must be more than sev-

Norman admitted that it had crossed his mind during six weeks at home with his family in Florida that he could retire from the game

to work and fill in some of the

I can do over the next 12

years,
"I also think my desire than it. right now is greater than it. has ever been. The fire was there in 1988 and 1989 but

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since then it's been nothing more than a pilot light. Then again I've been humbled a little more by not winning for almost two years and I think that has lit me up again. I got lethargic with all the earlier success; now I'm determined to win again."

Norman's left knee locked when he was swimming but he knew long before that there was a problem. Every time I swung the club, the cartilage felt sort of chunky in the follow through," he said. "Now it is stronger than ever.

although I work out religiously." Initially, Norman, who won the Open in 1986, began this year in the belief that he would need to win to qualify for the Masters so he was relieved to learn that the Augusta committee had granted him an invitation. "I'm honoured but I feel sorry for Tom Kite who did not get one," he said. "In my opinion, the Masters is the best tournament in the world without the best field. I think they should look at the Sony Rankings or a similar

Meanwhile, Fred Couples. who lost the No. I place to Nick Faldo last week, could go back to No. 1, even though he is not playing this week. It does appear a little strange that Faldo went into top position by not winning last week and that he will remain in that position only if he wins this week.

The English Turn course was designed by Jack Nicklaus and named after a bend — "Dejour des Anglais" — in the Mississippi where three centuries ago the captain of a British 12-gun warship com-manded his crew to weigh anchor and retreat. He mistakenly thought that the might of the French Navy lay around the bend when, in fact, there were only five men

James is hoping to stay for the finish

Rome: Mark James, who failing to add to his 14 tour walked out of his last Europe-titles last season. The course walked out of his last European Tour event, returns after a three-week break for the £225,000 Roma Masters which starts at Castelgandol-

The Ryder Cup player. from Leeds, yesterday ex-plained for the first time why he failed to play all four rounds of the Turespana Masters in Målaga last month, despite making the cut in 36th place.

"The going was just so slow. It was driving me crazy. I wasn't playing well either and I just decided there was no point carrying on," he said. James, a member of the tour's tournament commit-tee, did not face disciplinary action for a player can withdraw at any stage, providing he completes his round. James is hoping to return to winning ways in 1992 after

to join the company of people like Ballesteros and Woosnam," he said. Eduardo Romero, of Argentina, and the Australian, Mike Harwood, the European Open champion, are the other main contenders in a field lacking all those preparing for the Masters. "I wasn't going to play here." Harwood said, "but I was on my way to Japan from America with a

week with nothing to do so I

figured I might as

well." (Agencies)

should suit him for the slop-

ing greens demand precision

approach shots.
Anders Forsbrand, who

won the Volvo Masters in Florence last week believes he

is playing well enough to win again. "Only a few players

have won tournaments back-

to-back and it would be great

SNOW REPORTS

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Go-ahead given to sports cars

Doubts about this season's world sports car championship ended yesterday when Fisa, the governing body, said problems over guarantees from the main teams, Peugeot, Toyota and Mazda, had been overcome.

The entire series, including Monza on April 26, would be staged as planned, Fisa said.

Mini version

Squash rackets: Jonah Barrington, the former world No. 1, yesterday launched mini squash, a game with lightweight rackets and a soft. floating foam ball, costing less than £20.

Oatar Insurance is to fund a \$135,000 world tour tournament next December.

Top pairing Rackets: Nicholas Hall and Matthew Segal, unseeded, of Winchester, won the public schools doubles championship, beating the talented Marlburians, Sunil Gidoomal and Tom Stewart-

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Liberty.

FOOTBALL POSTPONED: Bardays League: Sec and division: Sunderland v Swindon.

Late results on Tuesday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division:
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Sheffield Utd 1; Liverpool 4, Notis County
0; Norwich 1, Marchester Utd 3, Second
division: Ipswich 2, Barneley 9, Plymouth
1, Griffreby 2; Port Vale 2, Bischburn 0;
Portsmouth 1, Chestion 2; Trannere 2,
Brislof City 2; Watford 0, Brighton 1,
Wolvertampton 6, Newcastie 2; Third
division: Solton 0, Bournemouth 2; Chester 0, Bradford 0; Darlington 0, Leyton
Orient 1; Fushern 1, Stoke 1; Harrierpool 3,
Exater 1; Huddersfield 3, Bury 0; Hust 1,
Wigan 1; Pesterborough 2, Brimingham 3;
Preston 1, Swansea 1; Strewebury 2,
Torquey 2; Stockport 3, West Browwich 0,
Fourth division: Burnley 2, Hereford 0;
Cardiff 1, Blackpool 1; Doncester 1,
Barnet 0; Gillingham 2, Wrexham 1,
Barnet 0; Gillingham 2, Wrexham 1,
Manafield 4, Grews 3; Northampton 2,
Rochdale 2; Rotherham 1, Hallisa 0;
Sounthorpe 2, Chesterfield 0; Walsali 1,
Kradstone 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Famborough 1. Bath 2. Kettering 3. Cheltenham 0; Slough 0, Merthyr 0; Stafford 2, Redbridge Forest 1; Writin 3, Yeovil 1. Postponed: Barrow v Telford. TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Semi-final: Celtic 0, Rangers 1 BOB LORD TROPHY: Final, first leg:

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Challenge Cup: Semt-finals, second leg: Frickley 1, Matiock 0 (3-3 on agg; Frickley win on away gools); Marine 2 Guiseley 0 (Marine win 2-1 on agg). First division: Knowsley Utd 0, Lancaster City 0. First division cup: Semt-final: Colwyn Bay 5, Newtown 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Pramter division: Bisnop's Stortford 1, Wivenhoe 2; Enfield 4, Kingstonian 0, Hayes 0, Basingstoke 1; Albans 3, Aylesbury 3. Second division: Southwick 0, Malden Vale 3. Third division: Homehurch 2, Caller Row 1; Horsham 3, Theme Utd 0, Locitie Cup: Harrow 0, Woking 2; Sutton Utd 4, Molesey 1. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sromsgrove 3, Trowbridge 1:

Burton 0, Halessowen 0, Crawley 0, Dover
1. Southern division: Ashford 0, Havant
2; Dunatable 1, Weymouth 2, Midland
division: Alvechurch 3, Rushden 2;
Stourbridge 2, Leicester Urd 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Cheises 2, Luton 0; Oxford Urd 1, Fulham
1, OPR 6, Swindon 0,
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
division: Sheffield Wed 2, Liverpool 0
Postponed: Everton v Manchester City.
Second division: Ofdham 2, York 3,
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LEAGUE: Premier division:
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LEAGUE: Premier division: Branthem
Athletic 1, Gorleston 0,
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Claveland Cavellers 123. Marmi Heat 114; Los Angeles Cippers 97. Detroit Pistons 81, Chicago Bulls 98, New York Knicks 90, Los Angeles Lakers 107. Houston Rock-ets 101: Altrnescia Timbernvolves 121, Denver Nuggets 114; Phoenis Suns 128, Portland Trail Blazers 111; Seattle Super-conics 122, Utah Jazz 103; Golden Stale Warrfors 148. Secramento Kinos 138. Warriors 148, Secremento Kings 136.

BASKETBALL

CRICKET PERTH: Sheffleld Shield: Western Australia 396 and 344; New South Wales 415 and 281 (S. Small 98, S. Weugh 68). Western Australia won by 44 runs.

CURLING GARMISCH: World championships: Man: Scotland 5, Sweden 4. Women: Scotland 8, Canada 3, Scotland 3, United States 9, Scotland 7, Denmark 5

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Cerror Red Wings 3, Chicago Black Hawks 3 (OT); Pritisburgh Penguins 5, Philadelphia Riy-ers 5, Boston Bruns 5, Cueber Northuse (OT), Manager North Stars 5, Buffust 4 (OT): Minnesota North Stars 5. Buffalo Sabres 3: Calgary Plames 5. Edmonton Ollers 2.

FOR THE RECORD

LACROSSE

HYDE: England 13, US All Stars 12. TENNIS JOHANNESBURG: South African Open: First round: A Volkov (CIS) bit C Merch (SA), 6-2, 8-0; N. Bruno (R) bit P Lundgren (Svet), 6-4, 6-1; P Arrays (Peru) bit T Hogeted (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; D Marco (Sp) bit L Jonsson (Swe), 0-6, 6-1, 6-4; X Deutresne (Bal) bit K Curren (US), 1-8, 7-6, 7-5, A Krickstein (US) bit V Roubicek, 6-3, 6-1; G Muller (SA) bit G Bloom (sr), 7-5, 6-1; K Ulyert (SA) bit N Broad (GB), 7-6, 6-2; W Fernera (SA) bit J Latinei de Jager (SA), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4

6-3, 5-7, 6-4
LISBON: Open ATP tournament: First
round: I Lendt (C2) bt M Koeyearmans
(Neth), 7-5, retured, H Skoff (Austria) bt F
Carvel (Sp), 6-3, 6-2, C Costa (Sp) bt G
Proc (Croatia), 6-1, 7-6; R Gilbert (fr) bt T
Carbonal (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; E Sárchez (Sp) bt
A Vysand (Estona), 6-3, 2-6, 6-1; S
Bruguera (Sp) bt M Geseter (Ger), 6-3, 61; J Mohna (Sp) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-1, 6-

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless atated Barclays League

Wimbledon v Nottm Forest (8.0) .. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley v Bromagrove.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First
Ovision: Rotherham v Barnsley (70);
Everton v Manchester (Chy (7.0), Second
division: Wolverhampton v Lelcester

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: Tennems Floodlit Trophy: Bamber Bridge v Blackpool Rovers OTHER SPORT

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: West Harn v Wimbledon (2.0). IRISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Lame

WINHOES, Namible: Women's satellite tournament: Singles: Second round: L Ah (68) bt E Cruus (SA), E-4, 6-2, N Simunc (SA) bt S Boulden (GB), 8-0, 6-2; L Horn (SA) bt J Pulitr (GB), 6-4, 6-1; S Bentiev (GB) bt S A McDonald (SA), 5-1. Quarter-finels: S Nicholson (ire) bt Ahl, 6-4, 7-6. Bentley bt Horn, 7-5, 1-8, 5-4

HILTON MEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament: First round: S Franki (Ger) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; N Zvereva (CIS) bt J Shriflet (US), 7-6, 6-1; M Maleeva (Gul) bt R-J ensen (US), 5-1, 5-1; B Schultz (Netti) bt R Fairbank-hedefler (US), 7-8, 3-6, 6-3; S Cecchmi (ii) bt K Adams (US), 6-2, 6-0; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Karak (Ger), 6-3, 5-2; I Gorrochategui (Ag)) bt P Fendick (US), 7-5, 6-3, D Graham (US) bt L Garrone (II), 6-3, 6-4, C Kohde-Klisch (Ger) bt B Fulco-Villeta (Ag), 6-4, 6-4; S Stafford (US) bt S Coffins (US), 6-2, 7-6, A Grossman (US) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; P Hy (Can) bt L

6-2. HOUSTON: Men's tournament: Sirr-gles: First round: A Medvedev (CIS) bit P Nyborg (Swe), 7-5, 6-4, 8 Borg (Swe) bit P Svensson (Swe), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, M Wosterholme (Can) bit 5 Davis (US), 6-4, 6-3, J Brown (US) bit 5 Campbell (US), 6-4, 6-1, L Wahlgren (Swe) bit N Kroon (Swe), 6-1, 6-0: T Johannson (Swe) bit J Lloyd (GB), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; A Pavel (Rom) bit M Norman (Swe), 6-1, 6-4: J Palmer (US) bit T Svantesson (Swe), 6-3, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2

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AC Milan president predicts football's future

Berlusconi calls for start of European league

BY PETER ROBINSON

THE days of the European Cup, perhaps the football world's most prestigious club competition, may be numbered: so too, perhaps, may those of the European championships and possibly even the World Cup as the continent's biggest, richest and most powerful clubs establish their own elite European

In a vision that makes English moves towards a Premier League look insignificant in comparison. Berlusconi, the president of AC Milan, yesterday predicted that Europe would abandon its traditional cup competitions and replace them with a league featuring clubs such as his own. Real Madrid and Barcelona. It is a dream that has every chance of being realised.

Berlusconi is more than simply the power behind one of the richest clubs in the world. He is also one of Europe's wealthiest media magnates with newspapers and a television station included in his empire — and it is his involvement with television that gives his opinion such weight. Money will eventually dictate whether a European league comes into being and money comes from television.

Pressure from richer clubs and from television helped influence the introduction this season of the European Cup's round-robin semi-final

matches and thus more income for the last eight clubs in the competition. Yesterday, however, Berlusconi called for a far more radical

"The European cups. as they exist now, are an anach-ronism," he said. "Teams which have spent very heavily on reinforcements run the risk of being eliminated immediately." And, after welcoming the new round-robin format for the European Cup. he added: "It is a step forward, but just a transition. The objective remains a championship to run throughout the season."

Such a championship would involve his own club, which he has brought from the brink of financial collapse six years ago to a position unrivalled by almost any in Europe in terms of success or



prestige, and others included regardless of national bound-aries or affiliation. Indeed, international football would be relegated below any European league.

"I believe national sides are the great contradiction in modern football and will become steadily less impor-tant," he said. "The economic and sporting interests of the club will prevail, which is how it should be." Where that leaves the World Cup. Berlusconi did not say.

He is already planning for his intended future. Milan are engaged in a determined attempt to annexe as many of the world's best players as possible in time for next season, with Jean-Pierre Papin, the Marseilles and France forward, a likely addition to a glittering squad. Dejan Savicevic, the exciting Yugo-slav midfield player, has al-ready been signed by Milan and will leave Red Star Bel-grade begins for Italy in the grade bound for Italy in the summer. The result of such assiduous team-building will, Berlusconi hopes, be a 25-man squad capable of playing 80 matches a season. International football will

presumably take a back seat: already, for example, a row has blown up up this week postpone an international with The Netherlands after pressure from Milan, who would have had to release

Scottish referee under fire

By RODDY FORSYTH

IN THE aftermath of Rangers' memorable 1-0 victory over Celtic in Tuesday's Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden Park, the performance of has become the focus for much comment.

Waddell dismissed Robertson, the Rangers defender, after only six minutes of play for a body check on Miller. and he brushed aside vehement Celtic claims for a penalty kick when Brown tripped Collins midway through the second half.

While both sides have necessarily been reticent in pub-Waddell's stock has risen in neither camp. He was the official who sent off Hateley. Hurlock and Walters, of Rangers, along with Grant, of Celtic, in the quarter-finals of the cup on St Patrick's Day last year, and last Saturday he

for the rest of the game. TAKE YOUR SEATS

completely stopped a Celtic when Rangers were caught going forward. Celtic obviously felt that they were dereferee wasn't going to take another controversial decision against Rangers.". Robertson's dismissal

League tally in Europe.

cautioned ten players at MacDiarmid Park, where Rangers beat St Johnstone

There was incredulity when his first tackle on Tuesday night. Alan Hansen, the for mer Liverpool defender, who was a radio commentator. said: "I simply could not get over the fact that the referee showed Robertson the red card. It was needless and he put himself under pressure

"He booked Mowbray for an innocuous foul on McCoist, yet he let Gordon off with a warning after a deliberate trip on Boyd which counter-attack at a point nied a penalty because the

forced his team-mates to apply themselves remorselessly. Their reward was McCoist's goal on the stroke of half-time, which took his season total to 30, the highest



Making his mark: Stars & Stripes, front, skippered by Dennis Conner, rounds the first turn ahead of Bill Koch's yacht. America's during the defender trials of the America's Cup off San Diego on Tuesday. Conner won by 45 seconds. Report. page 32

Ice hockey closure near as players reject offer

League players were on the brink of striking yesterday following an overwhelming vote to reject the owners' latest contract offer. Returns from 20 of the 22 teams showed the players had supported the recommendation of their union chief, Bob Goodenow, that they reject the owners' proposal.

According to the Toronto Star, the Toronto Maple Leafs, Montreal Canadiens and Edmonton Oilers all voted unanimously to reject the proposal. The St Louis Blues had also voted unanimously to turn down the proposal according to the St Louis Post-Dispatch. The New York Times reported that the New York Islanders turned down the proposal by a 19-2

Several teams cleaned out

point to qualify for the final of

the European Cup, failed to

secure their place at Wembley

on May 20 after losing 1-0 in

their semi-final round-robin

group A tie at Sparta Prague

A second-half goal by Horst Siegl, in the 66th minute,

kept the Czechs' hopes of reaching the final alive before

more than 27,000 supporters

In a Uefa Cup semi-final in

Genoa, a late goal from Aron

Winter, the Ajax midfield

player, gave the Dutch side a

3-2 win after a thrilling first

leg. In the 88th minute, Winter

in the Lema stadium.

yesterday.

Tuesday night after their vote this offer," the Vancouver Canucks captain, Trevor Lin-den, said on Tuesday after a team meeting in which play-ers conducted a secret ballot on the owners' final offer.

Before voting, the Canucks, like the others, watched a 30minute video presentation from Goodenow, executive director of the asssociation. The process was repeated throughout the NHL The players were asked to put an 'X" on a ballot that read: "I accept/reject the owners'

If the players reject the offer, only a last-minute reprieve could stop them from

striking.
"My gut feeling is that, unless something dramatic happens, I can't see it," Lin-

Barcelona stumble to defeat

calmly chipped over Simon

Braglia as the Genoa goal-

keeper advanced to block his

run after Bergkamp's

through-ball had sent him

Ajax lost a two-goal lead as the Italian's mounted a spirit-

ed revival late in the game.

inspired by Carlos Aguilera.

The Uruguayan forward

scored in the 73rd and 80th

minutes to take his tally in

this season's competition to

Stefan Pettersson, the

Swedish forward, headed

Ajax ahead after only 45 sec-

onds, and Bryan Roy, the

winger, doubled the lead on

eight goais.

clear of the home defence.

uled game tonight against the Calgary Flames. There were three games hanging in the balance last night: the New York Island-

ers at Toronto, Washington at New Jersey and Winnipeg at San Jose. Also at risk are the play-offs, scheduled to begin on April 8.

The players want a more liberal policy on free-agency, a less-extensive entry draft for

amateurs and improved arbitration procedures. The revenue from the issue

of hockey cards has also become an issue. Approximately \$16 million is at stake in the licensing procedure. Union representatives for

each of the 22 teams were issued credit cards in March to pay for flights home for players caught on the road at

range effort had been scram-bled off the goal-line.

D Everton will mark the cen-

tenary of their Goodison Park

ground with a match against

the German dub, Borussia

Mönchengladbach, on Au-

PAOK Salonika beat

Doxa Dramas 4-0 in the sec-

ond leg of the Greek cup

quarter-finals, to win 4-2 on

held to a goalless draw at home in the first leg, beat OFI

2-1 in Crete, and Atromitos

beat Mihaniona by the same

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margin and aggregate.

AEK Athens, who were

Duke calls for a restructuring in British sport

By JOHN GOODBODY

THE Duke of Edinburgh yesterday joined the critics of the structure of British sport when giving his presidential address to the annual meeting of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR).

The duke has often intervened in sports politics, something which his daughter, the Princess Royal, who succeeded him as president of the International Equestrian Federation, has continued.

Twenty years ago, when the royal charter, the duke led the campaign to save the CCPR. which represents the national governing bodies, from abolshing itself, arguing that there was still a need for an independent voice.

Yesterday, he said the existing structure was "fairly confused and fairly unsatisfactory". He was worried about the newly established British Sports Forum. This body is supposed to represent the non-government bodies, such as the British Olympic Association and the Commonwealth Games organisations. although the Commonwealth Games Council for England

has declined to join. Prince Philip said he was yet to be convinced that adding a further semi-representative body to the already long list would make things any easier. "I'm not sure that this multiple representation fits principal of democratic participation in decision-mak-

ing." he said. This is a

Fitter Nicklaus strives for

third consecutive win

problem that should have been addressed by Robert Atkins, the minister for sport. in his review published last December. However, he added another body to the exist-

ing chaos of administration.

The duke proposed that
Britain needed some form of integrated federation of the whole spectrum of voluntary sports bodies. He said: "I'm sure that such a comprehensive body could incorporate all the essential parts into a achieved in other countries with great success and I think it would work here.

"Some, and I include the CCPR in this group, would undoubtedly have to change shape to fit into this structure. although I am convinced that there will always be a need for a voluntary assocation of Brit-

ish governing bodies." The prince admitted that he might be "utopian" and had not made sufficient allowance for human nature.

One of the central problems, as the duke pointed out in the discussion following an address by Eileen Grey, who chairs the British Sports Forum, is that sport in the United Kingdom is divided between British governing bodies and organisations for the individual nations, and some have both.

The move towards devolution in many countries is being reflected by similar feelings in the United Kingdom.

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Old blues' test for **Boat Race crews**

BY MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

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BOTH Oxford and Cambridge beat their old blues crews yesterday. The wins were morale-boosters for both Boat Race crews since the "old boys" facing them were of high quality. Oxford's rivals included

Matthew Pinsent and four other members of the Great Britain squad, but, in a threeminute row from Chiswick Evot, Oxford, admittedly on the favoured Surrey station, went off at 41 to the old blues' 36-and-a-half and held a twothirds-of-a-length lead after a minute. They stretched this to just over a length by the finish, Elizabeth Chick contributing good coxing against her 1991 predecessor. Neil Chugani.

Cambridge, after a warmup that was hindered by wash from the Oxford launch, raced a three-minute piece from Harrods. Four GB squad men were among their old boys, but Cambridge can be accurately anticipated.

moved steadily away from them to win by one-and-ahalf lengths.

The crews were under rather less pressure in their morning sessions in preparation for the race on Saturday, Oxford were joined by a dragon boat, with a former Camhridge cox. Lisa Ross Magenty, in charge of the timing drum. The excreise proved that 16 paddlers. striking 66 strokes a minute. are no match for eight rowers striking eight.

Cambridge's quite morning on a low tide finished with two stake-boat starts. Both crews will be occupied this lunchtime in separate start rehearsals with the umpire. Roger Stephens, who rowed for Cambridge in 1981 and 1982. He has arranged for the river to be closed between 12.30pm and 1.30pm; two stake boats will be fixed so that Saturday's conditions

Council plan is to go for expansion

By Keith Macklin

PLANS to revert to two divisions of 16 clubs each received scant support at yesterday's meeting of the Rugby League Council, and three divisions seem certain to be in force next season.

The proposals were passed on by the board of directors at the request of the first division clubs plus Leigh. Sheffield Eagles and Oldham, of the second division. However, there was little support from the remaining clubs, and it seems that the four bottom clubs in division three, who would have been thrown out of the league under the scheme, are now safe.

David Howes, the League's public affairs executive, said that the council's declared aim was not to reduce the number of clubs but to expand, with a view to eventually having three divisions of 14

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN DESERT MOUNTAIN, PHOENIX JACK Nicklaus was scheduled to start his defence of the Tradition at Desert Mountain today, a prelude to what

he hoped would be a viable challenge for the Masters next week. Nicklaus made no impact in his three starts on the regular tour this season, miss-

ing two cuts and finishing equal 29th at the Honda Classic, but the Tradition is different. He is aiming for his third consecutive victory in the event. Last year he came from 12 shots behind after two rounds, something he had never done before. This year? "My game's fair." Nicklaus said, "but not

bit more golf."

really good. I need this week to play. I need the work and a Nicklaus has spent the last few months working hard on

said. "If you haven't got the strength and endurance you can lose concentration. I wanted to make myself a better athlete, to be able to compete. Also, part of the reason for the strength programme was that I didn't want the Masters to be the only major I

his 52-year-old body, to try to counter a tendency to throw in a bad last round when in contention. "That can come

from being fatigued," he felt I could win. There's no



real rough at Augusta but I should be strong enough to get out of the rough at the US Open or the PGA Champion-Nicklaus has increased his

chest size by about two-and-ahalf inches, his waist measures an inch less but his weight has remained the same. It was, apparently, hard to tell if he was hirting the ball further because he scarcely knew which club he was using. Nicklaus and MacGregor, his equipment company. re-

cently went their separate ways and clubs have been raining in on him. "I'm talking to ten or 15 different manufacturers and I don't have enough practice balls to match all the clubs I've got." he said.

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